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Al Ameer: Kuwait to abide by Opec quota; misunderstanding will be resolved

Premier for Jeddah today

US hopes peaceful settlement of tension in Gulf
King Hussein off to home after mediation mission

KUWAIT, July 30, (Kuna): His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah will leave Kuwait at 10 am tomorrow for Jeddah to attend the meeting with an Iraqi delegation at the invitation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Sheikh Saad will be accompanied by an official delegation comprising the ministers of state for foreign affairs, justice and legal affairs and oil, under-

secretary of the Crown Prince and Premier's diwan, the undersecretaries of foreign affairs and interior, ambassador in the Foreign Ministry Dr Tareq Razzouki and assistant undersecretary at the Crown Prince's diwan.

Kuwait's ambassador to Saudi Arabia will join the delegation accompanying the Crown Prince and Premier.



HH the Amir welcomes, King Hussein (left) at the airport

Summer 'sick'



Minister of Public Health, Dr Abdul Wahab Al Fozan said that seeking treatment abroad is a matter of habit for some Kuwaitis who also seem to fall sick in summer months hoping to double their treatment trip as a vacation. Commenting to Arab Times on his recent decision to form a Supreme Medical Committee to organise the service of treatment abroad, he said that it is regrettable that some patients insist on being sent abroad for treatment in spite of assurances by specialised doctors that they can be successfully treated in Kuwait. "Do people get sick in the summer and stay healthy in the winter?" he wondered.

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Oman to buy jets

NICOSIA, July 30, (Reuters) Oman said today it was buying an unspecified number of advanced Hawk jet fighters from British Aerospace.

The official Omani News Agency, received in Cyprus, said the deal for the jets and support equipment was signed in London by Fahd Bin Taimour, Muscat's deputy prime minister for security and finance and BAE officials.

Musicians held

VICTORIA, July 30, (Reuters) Seychelles police said they detained today five musicians and two technicians from the British pop band UB40 on suspicion of possessing cannabis.

Conviction for possession of illegal drugs carries a mandatory three-year jail sentence in the Seychelles, a chain of tropical islands in the Indian Ocean.

Awad escapes

SIDON, July 30, (AP): The political commissar of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's mainstream Fatah faction escaped an assassination attempt near Sidon today, police reported.

They said Youssef Awad, 40, was wounded when a remote-controlled bomb detonated as his two-car convoy passed by the Hassanieh Road southeast of this port city.

Meet with Hamas

ABU DHABI, July 30, (AP): Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was reported today to be planning to meet leaders of the Palestinian Muslim fundamentalist group, Hamas, in one of the Gulf states over the coming few days.

At Riyadh, the state-run newspaper of the United Arab Emirates, said the meeting would aim at political and military co-ordination to escalate the uprising by the Palestinian inhabitants of the Israeli-occupied territories.

Covert news

NEW YORK, July 30, (Reuters): The Israeli Foreign Ministry has been paying journalists at a Jerusalem radio studio to report its version of the news around the world, the New York Times reported today.

Massacre

MONROVIA, July 30, (Reuters): Troops loyal to Liberian President Samuel Doe massacred at least 600 refugees, including babies, sheltering in a church in the Liberian capital Monrovia, witnesses said today.

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Israel hits Hezbollah

Militia battles rage
Hirawi sanctions Aoun

METULLA, Israel, July 30, (Agencies): Israeli tanks and artillery pounded pro-Iranian positions in the Lebanese village of Jarjouch today, killing 10 Hezbollah fighters, security sources in south Lebanon said.

Earlier Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Arens said Israel would intervene in battles between Hezbollah and its rival Shiite Muslim Amal militia if the Jewish state felt endangered.

"Israeli tanks and artillery shelled positions north of the (Israeli-declared south Lebanon) security zone," one security source said. "Ten Hezbollah men were killed and four were wounded in Jarjouch."

"We will act if we see our interests are in danger," Arens told journalists. "We wouldn't be happy to get involved."

Asked if clashes between Hezbollah and Amal in southern Lebanon had reached an intolerable level for Israel, Arens said:

"Up to now we have not acted so it is to be assumed that it has not reached an intolerable level." He declined to say what would signal an intolerable situation.

Israel warplanes continued their daily reconnaissance flights over the area of fighting today. But General Antoine Lahd, head of the 3,000-strong South Lebanon Army that patrols the security zone, said the balance of power in south Lebanon was still stable.

Meanwhile, savage militia battles raged for the 15th day in south Lebanon today. Amal, backed by PLO fighters and the Hezbollah staged intensive attacks and counter-attacks in mountain terrain under a hail of artillery and rocket fire.

Earlier, Israeli Chief of Staff Dan Shomron visiting the nearby Israeli-controlled security zone, said the situation had "an element of danger" to his country but it had not yet decided whether to intervene.

"There is no doubt that the Israeli army can reach as far as it wants inside Lebanon but we don't want to intervene in Lebanon's internal wars unless they become a threat to us," he told.

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Rescued

A Philippine cook entombed for 14 days with a pile of corpses in the rubble of an earthquake-shattered hotel was pulled out alive on Monday.

Pedrito Dy, 27, is in hospital (picture) after he was pulled out before dawn three days after rescue teams, battling fatigue and heavy rains, recovered alive a man and woman trapped for 11 days in the ruins of the Hyatt Hotel in Baguio city in the northern Philippines. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Troops raid TV station

Deal near in Trinidad crisis

PORT-OF-SPAIN, July 30, (Agencies): Government troops attacked the state television station where the leader of a Muslim rebel coup attempt was believed to be and left the building in flames today, residents said.

Heavy gunfire also erupted near the parliament building where the rebels were holding Prime Minister Arthur Robinson and other officials hostage.

Information about the fighting was sketchy and there was no word about the outcome of either incident.

The government imposed a 24-hour curfew on parts of the capital as negotiations to free Robinson and at least 19 cabinet officials and legislators appeared to break off.

"Please, please be careful. Do not venture outside," said a state radio broadcast reminding residents a state of emergency was in effect. "We cannot dramatise enough the situation."

Residents said loyal troops attacked a state-run television station held by black Muslim rebels. The station was ablaze and a thick gray smoke was rising from the building, residents said.

Yasin Abu Bakr, the leader of the 300-strong, Libyan-backed Jamat Al Muslimeen group which staged the coup attempt Friday evening, was believed to be inside the building at the time of the attack.

At the Parliament building,

where Robinson was being held, gunfire was heard and some reports said troops surrounding the building were shooting at rebels inside. One report said unspecified "foreign troops" were involved in the attack, but the report could not immediately be verified.

Government troops patrolled city streets and residents reported seeing bodies in the eastern section of the capital after widespread rioting and looting on Sunday.

Meanwhile, a Trinidad and Tobago government spokesman said late today an agreement was imminent on the release of more

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Fresh crisis arises as Singh is under pressure to sack Devi Lal

By Thomas Abraham
Arab Times correspondent

NEW DELHI, July 30: India's ruling Janata Dal was today caught in the throes of a fresh crisis as Prime Minister V.P. Singh's cabinet and party colleagues mounted pressure on him to sack Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal.

The demand, voiced strongly at a cabinet meeting last night and in party forum, has been sparked off by various acts and utterances of Devi Lal in recent days, including a magazine interview granted by him recently.

The interview to the Bombay-based Illustrated Weekly of India quotes Devi Lal speaking out against some of his cabinet colleagues in rather interperate terms, which many in the Janata Dal feels is the last straw.

Apart from this, there is the question of a letter that Devi Lal wrote earlier this month to Prime Minister Singh, alleging that Commerce Minister Arun Nehru and Energy Minister Arif Mohammed Khan were involved in corrupt practices.

Today, the party's top leadership including chief ministers of states ruled by the Janata Dal, were engaged in hectic consultations to defuse the latest crisis, which comes just two weeks after a similar one earlier this month when Devi Lal's son Om Prakash Chautala staged a dramatic comeback as Haryana chief minister and was then forced to quit in just three days.

Devi Lal had dashed off the letter about Nehru and Khan soon after the two ministers had resigned from the cabinet on the Chautala issue, forcing Singh to take a stand in the matter and offer to quit office himself.

Devi Lal sent Singh another letter. Along with that, he also enclosed a copy of a letter

Proposed Iraqi constitution

BAGHDAD, July 30, (AP): Government-run newspapers today published the text of a draft constitution for public debate after it was endorsed by the ruling Revolution Command Council and the National Assembly.

The 179-article constitution would allow a multiparty system and provide greater freedom of expression.

But it would also give more legislative and executive power to the president, and the ruling Baath Party would maintain its dominant role in politics.

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"In the message, Benazir explained to Sheikh Zayed the latest developments in Kashmir, including the results of the foreign secretary level talks held between Pakistan and India in Islamabad," he said.

He said the message pointed out that no progress was made at the joint meeting on any of the issues which were at the root of the current tension between Pakistan and India, specifying these to revolve around "recognition of the right of self-determination for the Kashmiri people."

Akhund charged that the deployment of Indian troops inside Kashmir and on the borders with Pakistan was the cause of the tension.

"In the message, Pakistan expressed hope that the foreign ministers' conference of the Organisation of Islamic Conference beginning on Tuesday in Cairo would take cognizance of the situation and would call for a just and equitable solution to the Kashmir issue," he said.

Pakistan wished the OIC members "to call upon India to remove troops from its border, ask it to stop repressive action in Kashmir and appeal to both Pakistan and India to negotiate a peaceful settlement," he said.

Akhund said he was assured by the GCC states that their foreign ministers in the OIC conference will play a positive role in the Kashmir dispute.

Pakistan's diplomatic offensive ahead of the Islamic conference has been countered with

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British lawmaker MP assassination



A British lawmaker and outspoken critic of the Irish Republican Army was killed yesterday after a bomb exploded beneath his car seat as he prepared to leave home, police said.

Ian Gow (pictured with his wife), a Conservative Party member of the House of Commons, died shortly after emergency services reached his home, said Inspector Mike Alderson of Sussex police. The bomb exploded at 8.39 am after Gow got into his car in his carport, police said.

Karachi calls on Gulf

ABU DHABI, July 30, (Agencies): Pakistan wants the Gulf Co-operation Council member states to play a positive role in defusing tension between Pakistan and India and bring about a just settlement of the Kashmir dispute, a senior Pakistani official said.

"The Gulf states have the best of relations with

both India and Pakistan," said Iqbal Akhund, Foreign Affairs and National Security Advisor to Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto during a short visit to Abu Dhabi.

Akhund said he delivered a message in this respect from Benazir to Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates.

Currency Rates

THE Central Bank of Kuwait currency rates against the Kuwaiti dinar on July 30, valued for August 1, 1990.

Currency	Buying	Selling
US dollar	288.650	289.800
Sterling	520.971	522.521
Deutsche mark	178.841	179.888
Swiss franc	211.581	212.177
French franc	653.404	653.691
Italian lire	000244	000246
Japanese yen	001922	001949
Bahraini dinar	765.446	769.006
Qatari riyal	079.255	079.959
Saudi riyal	076.932	077.500
Omani riyal	749.448	753.118
UAE dirham	078.595	078.921

Asian currency exchange rates against Kuwaiti dinar:

Currency	KD	GOLD PRICES	KD
Indian Rs (1,000)	16.620	One kg. 999	3,435.000
Pak. Rs	12.330	One kg. 995	3,420.000
Sri Lankan Rs	7.240	22 kt. per gm.	3.550
Singapore dollar	159.80	21 kt. per gm.	3.500
Hong Kong dollar	37.30	18 kt. per gm.	3.450
Bangladesh taka	9.650	10 tola gold	401.000
Philippine peso	12.590	One ounce gold	112.000

Courtesy: Abdulaziz & Ali Al Youssef Al Muzaini Co.

■ The dollar ended European dealings broadly weaker Monday, hurt largely by movement into higher-yielding European currencies on jitters over the direction of US monetary policy.

Gold was little changed from Friday. Dealers said the precious metal faced a broad lack of interest with even industrial demand diminished to a trickle. Many customers had stocked up at lower price levels, dealers said.

In Tokyo, the dollar fell to a closing 148.60 Japanese yen from 150.75 yen at Friday's close. Later, in London, it fell to 148.15 yen.

In London, the dollar weakened from last week and traded Monday at levels last seen in December 1988. The British pound rose to \$1.8440 from \$1.8350 late Friday.

Other late dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Friday:

- 1.6085 West German marks, down from 1.6145
- 1.3653 Swiss francs, down from 1.3680
- 5.3885 French francs, down from 5.4080

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INTERNATIONAL

NEWS IN BRIEF

Finnish found murdered: The badly-beaten body of a Finnish woman was found on the popular resort island of Kos in Athens, the Public Order Ministry reported yesterday.

Police identified the woman as Virpi-Maria Hannele Strengell, 18, of Peltosenniemi, Finland, a spokesman for the ministry said.

Strengell, whose head, arms and ribs were repeatedly struck with a blunt instrument, appeared to have been sexually assaulted, the spokesman said, speaking anonymously in line with practice.

Locals discovered the woman's half-naked, decomposing body on Sunday near the village of Iraklis on the eastern Aegean island, the spokesman said. The body was identified by Strengell's tour group leader. (AP)

The victims, including two Saudi Arabian brothers vacationing in the United States, died when the plane crashed into a sparsely populated residential area half a mile (0.8 km) from the airport Saturday night as it was trying to land in dense fog.

The Piper Aztec was making its second landing attempt when it tore through telephone wires and sheered off the tops of trees, barely missing two houses before crashing into the front yard of one of the houses on Osgood Street, near Route 125, police said.

State police identified the dead as Sharqi A. Alsharqi, 38, and his brother, Mohammad A. Alsharqi, 40, both of Andover, and Peter Even of north Miami, Florida, 52, the pilot. (UPI)

Two Saudis killed in plane crash: The pilot of a twin-engine plane that crashed near the Greater Lawrence airport, killing all three people aboard, radioed the airport tower shortly before the crash but gave no indication of any trouble, federal investigators said Sunday.

New films at Venice festival: New works by Americans Martin Scorsese and James Ivory are among 21 movies competing for the Golden Lion award at the Venice Film Festival in September, organisers said Monday.

Scorsese's "Goodfellas" and Ivory's "Mr

and Mrs Bridge" are among the strongest entrants, along with British playwright Tom Stoppard's film version of his 1967 stage play "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" — a behind-the-scenes look at two minor characters in Shakespeare's "Hamlet".

Warren Beatty's adventure film "Dick Tracy" heads the list of 11 films shown out of competition at the festival, which runs from September 4-15. (Reuters)

Police chief trapped speeding: A Dutch police chief faces prosecution or a heavy fine after being caught speeding at 192 km (119 miles) per hour, police said yesterday.

State police said J. C. van den Boogaart, chief of police in the northern Dutch town of Winschoten, was off-duty and driving his private car when he went through a speed trap at nearly three times the allowed 70 km (44 miles) per hour speed limit. (Reuters)

Moscow bears blame: Amid signs of growing estrangement between Moscow and Havana, a commentator for the Communist

Party newspaper Pravda said yesterday the Soviet Union bore some blame for Cuba's headline stand against reform.

But at the same time another Pravda commentary in a clear reference to Cuba warned the West against trying to push Moscow into abandoning long-standing allies by threatening to withhold financial credits for the ailing Soviet economy.

"Many of the ideological and economic recipes which are now used in Cuba were instilled there in their time by us," said Pravda writer Andrei Sharov.

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Austria to bury Kreisky: Former Austrian chancellor Bruno Kreisky, who died on Sunday aged 79, will be buried after a state funeral on August 7, Chancellor Franz Vranitzky's office said Monday.

The highly popular Kreisky, a socialist, ruled Austria from 1970 to 1983, raising the neutral republic's world profile and campaigning for détente. (Reuters)

Trinidad

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than 30 hostages including the country's prime minister held by black Muslim rebels.

Major Dave Williams, press officer for the Information Ministry, told Reuters: "Under the agreement, the hostages will be released unharmed and the rebels will be allowed to go free to their commune on the outskirts of Port of Spain."

Kwesi Atiba, a spokesman for the rebel group Jamaat Al Muslimeen, told Reuters in a telephone interview from the Caribbean nation's state television offices that an agreement had been reached.

Atiba said that under the accord, the hostages would be released in several stages. He also said that Robinson had agreed to resign effective immediately and the country would be run by a government of national unity until new elections in 90 days.

Atiba said the rebels had been granted an amnesty and their leader, Yasin Abu Bakr, would be part of the interim government.

The rebels have said they staged the attempted coup because of government corruption and austerity measures. Some observers said the coup attempt was triggered by a police raid last month on swamp land developed by the Muslim group on the outskirts of the capital over the past decade.

The Muslim group had built schools, a mosque and other buildings on the land, which the government says the group does not own and wants them to vacate.

The Roman Catholic archbishop of Trinidad, who was involved in negotiations with the rebels, said on Saturday that Bakr had told him the prime minister and the other hostages had been wired with explosives and would be blown up if attempts were made to free them.

A local radio quoted hospital reports as saying 300 people were killed or injured in the coup attempt or in widespread looting and rioting that wrecked the capital of the two-island Caribbean nation over the weekend.

In a radio broadcast, Industry Minister Dr Bhoe Tewarie appealed for co-operation from citizens to restore calm. He made the statement in the neighbouring island of Barbados, where he said he has been trying to help restore stability through contacts with the armed forces in Port of Spain.

The rebels holding Robinson have insisted that an agreement calling for Robinson to resign and be replaced by a transition government was being worked out.

In Washington, assistant White House Press Secretary Steve Hart told reporters the stalemate between the rebels and the government continues with some 20 to 40 members of Parliament still being held.

Some 6,000 Americans, mostly tourists, are in Port of Spain, Hart said. There are no reports of any harm to them.

Marauding youths torched buildings and looted on Sunday, despite a state of emergency and dusk-to-dawn curfew imposed on the capital of the twin-island Caribbean nation 8 miles (13 km) north of Venezuela.

Early today, Pantin said he could hear gunfire about 6 am near the television station, about



Trinidad Prime Minister Arthur N.R. Robinson. (Reuters wirephoto)

Committed to social justice

Monument sparked mutiny

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, July 30, (AP): Black Muslim rebel Yasin Abu Bakr, long at odds with authorities, says their decision to spend \$500,000 on a memorial to a dead woman leader was the "straw that broke the camel's back."

Shortly after his followers seized Parliament House Friday, Bakr commanded the government TV station and announced he had overthrown Prime Minister Arthur Robinson and was holding him hostage with his cabinet.

Speaking to the country on television, he accused Robinson's 4-year-old government of mismanagement and corruption. He singled out Robinson's announcement on June 23 that a monument would be built in honour of Jean Miles, a senior public servant who died more than a decade ago.

"That was the straw that broke the camel's back: the allocation of \$500,000 to create a concrete statue to this woman, while poor people all over the country are starving," he said.

The uprising leader has long considered himself a spokesman for the poor.

A former mounted policeman who converted to Islam while studying in Canada in the early 1980s, Bakr founded and has been the leader for six years of the Jamaat Al Muslimeen Commune. It is on eight acres of former swamp land on the western edge of Port-of-Spain, the capital.

Abu Bakr is described by friends as a man committed to social justice.

The Toronto Star reported yesterday that Abu Bakr gave a series of lectures here only six weeks ago.

The newspaper quoted Haroon Salamet, head of the Toronto and Region Islamic Congregation, as saying Bakr had talked about his disenchantment with the Robinson government.

The rebel leader, in his late 40s, is married and has a son and daughter believed to be attending the University of Toronto. His wife, Annisa, is an executive for the Trinidad and Tobago Industrial Development Corp.

Another major source of friction with authorities is the group's council, which the rebels built their commune without a licence to do so.

In the early 1970s, the late prime minister Eric Williams donated the land to East Indian Muslims to build whatever they wanted. But they never picked up the offer.

Abu Bakr returned from Canada in 1984 and grabbed the land, saying his black Muslims had a right to it.

He built a mosque in the centre and living quarters for his 250 to 300 followers. Four major buildings include a kitchen for the poor and a large school.

The dispute came to a head in the 1980s when Bakr was jailed for several weeks for contempt of court when he failed to answer charges of illegal occupation brought by the council.

Over the years, the commune has been raided by police looking for arms and ammunition. They found a few rifles and small amounts of ammunition.

400 yards (metres) from his residence.

"Last night at 10:30 pm, a government minister not in captivity made an address to the nation," Pantin told Cable News network. "He was very sketchy on the actual situation. I get

the impression he may be playing for time. He just said progress was being made."

Pantin also questioned the truth of Bakr's reported claim that Robinson, 63, had been tied to a chair and wired to explosives.

Lebanon

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reporters last night.

Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982 with the declared aim of driving out PLO fighters. It withdrew from most of the country in 1985 following increasingly bloody attacks on its troops but holds onto the border zone.

Security sources said Hezbollah tried in vain to recapture two hills they lost to Amal on Saturday. Amal counter-attacked to try to seize the nearby village of Kfar Milki.

The sources said a small radical Palestinian faction fired some 30 rockets from positions near Sidon into the Amal-held

village of Kfar Hata a few hundred metres away.

Dozens of homes were damaged and two Palestinian fighters escorting PLO military official Younis Awaad were killed.

Hezbollah also attempted to advance from the village of Jarjouch, which it captured early in the fighting, but was checked, the sources said.

At least five people were killed in today's battles in addition to two dead and 12 wounded overnight. Some 180 people have been killed and 410 wounded in fortnight-long fighting in the

Iqlim Al Toufah area.

Shomron said Hezbollah's expansion in the region 40 km (25 miles) south of Beirut was a problem for Syria as well as for Amal and Israel. He said Israel wanted Shiites to live in peace in the south, free from threats by Hezbollah or Palestinians.

Lebanon's Syrian-backed government today began blocking fuel supplies to areas controlled by Christian Michel Aoun in a bid to make him surrender.

In Damascus, United States ambassador to Syria Edward Djerejian urged Aoun and rival

Christian leader Samir Geagea to hand over power to President Elias Hrawi's administration.

Troops loyal to Hrawi stopped cars and trucks carrying fuel and cooking gas from crossing from Syrian-policed Muslim West Beirut to Aoun-held territory.

Witnesses said the soldiers also stopped pedestrians from carrying fuel cans into Christian East Beirut, experiencing a severe shortage of petrol and gas since last week.

The move was the first in a series of sanctions agreed by Hrawi's cabinet on Saturday.

Aoun, who refuses to recognise the president, last week rejected a new Arab-backed peace initiative.

Foreign Ministry officials urged diplomats to end all contacts with the general. The government has also asked the Central Bank to stop remitting money to Aoun-controlled areas.

Syrian President Hafez Al Assad discussed today the latest developments in Lebanon with some of the country's deputies and reiterated Syria's support for the Arab-brokered Taif peace plan.

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Kashmir

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warnings by New Delhi against raising the issue of Kashmir at the Cairo meeting. New Delhi officials said last week that such Pakistani move would further hurt New Delhi's ties with Islamabad.

Pakistan is a prominent member of the OIC. But most OIC states also enjoy good relations with India, and though they condemn repressive practices by Indian troops inside Kashmir, they have been pressing for a peaceful settlement of the crisis between India and Pakistan.

A Kashmiri militant leader today urged an Islamic foreign ministers' meeting starting in Cairo to support a Muslim uprising in India's Jammu and Kashmir state and cease trade with India.

Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chairman Amanullah Khan said in a statement the OIC should pass a strong resolution backing the Kashmiris' right to self-determination and condemning "the savagery of Indian forces of occupation."

Pakistan, an OIC member and the main backer of the Kashmiri cause, has proposed a resolution

for the conference.

Security was tightened in Indian-ruled Kashmir today to prevent Muslim secessionists from staging protests during a meeting of Islamic foreign ministers in Cairo.

Officials said extra security measures had been taken in Srinagar, the region's capital and centre of the opposition to Indian rule.

Separatist groups have called for demonstrations in Srinagar tomorrow to capture the attention of the foreign ministers, who are expected to discuss Kashmir at their four-day meeting.

Militant groups in Srinagar said several of their leaders had gone to Cairo to brief the ministers on the situation in Kashmir where more than 1,000 people have been killed since January.

Muslim militants today set off a bomb that wounded 10 people in a heavily-guarded major state office building as thousands of workers were leaving work, government sources said.

The bomb exploded about 4 pm in the 6-storey Civil Secretariat building, which houses virtually all offices of the Jammu and Kashmir state government, said the sources, who asked not to be identified.

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There is too much blood; Extraditables truce raises hope among Colombians

Bogota drug war unlikely to end until Escobar caught

BOGOTA, July 30, (Reuters): A decision by Colombia's cocaine traffickers to call a truce in a bloody drug war is a success for the government but the war is unlikely to end until drug lord Pablo Escobar is caught, political analysts say.

The so-called Extraditables — top drug-traffickers wanted in the United States — announced a unilateral, indefinite truce on Friday, raising hopes among many Colombians of an end to a drug war which has killed hundreds of people over the past year.

The war began when President Virgilio Barco launched an all-out offensive against the drug cartels supplying 80 per cent of cocaine consumed in the United States, after the assassination of presidential aspirant Luis Carlos Galan on Aug 8, 1989.

"We suspend attacks on police, bombings in all Colombian cities and executions of politicians, journalists, judges and officials," the traffickers' communiqué said.

As with all statements from the Extraditables, it was impossible to know exactly who issued it or whether it represented the views of all the top traffickers.

Western diplomats say the statement may have come from a dissident wing of the group opposed to the violent strategy directed by

Escobar, the fugitive boss of the Medellín cocaine cartel. Such dissent would show the government had succeeded in dividing the traffickers.

Alternatively, if the decision to call a truce came from Escobar, it could mean he was seeking breathing space from the intense pressure the security have put on the cartels in recent weeks, the diplomats said.

Thousands of police and soldiers narrowly missed capturing Escobar during a manhunt in a central Colombian jungle earlier this month. Police have also arrested dozens of suspects and seized tonnes of cocaine and dynamite in recent weeks. They claim to have undermined the drug-traffickers' capacity to carry out major bomb attacks.

The truce was declared just 11 days before President-elect Cesar Gaviria takes office and could mean the traffickers are trying for a fresh start with the new president.

Although he is a strong opponent of the drug barons, Gaviria has been suggesting he does not favour a military solution to combat drug trafficking.

The diplomats said it was extremely unlikely the government would let up the pressure on the cartels while Escobar, whom the authorities blame for scores of bomb blasts, the

assassination of three presidential aspirants and dozens of officials, is still on the loose.

"I think they'll carry on with the war," one diplomat said. "There won't be an end to the vicious part of the drug war until they've captured Escobar or fought him out of the country. There's just too much bad blood," he said.

He said the security forces would point to the truce as evidence that they were winning the war and that it was not the time to let up pressure.

Despite the truce announcement, violence has continued to sweep Medellín, Colombia's second largest city and the base of Escobar's organisation.

Police said a gunman shot dead a policeman in the city on Saturday, bringing to 220 the number of officers killed there this year. Police killed a man who threw a grenade at a police patrol car, injuring two officers, a spokesman said.

Officials of the outgoing Barco government have treated the traffickers' announcement with scepticism and pledged to keep fighting them. "The state is not going to cross its arms with respect to crime every time a communiqué of this nature is made known," Interior Minister Horacio Serpa said on Saturday.

Crop substitution sought to fight coca production

LIMA, July 30, (AP): The heads of the world's main cocaine-producing countries said yesterday they welcomed US anti-drug efforts but said poor Andean peasants who grow the coca leaf need another way to make a living.

Members of the Andean Presidential Council issued a joint declaration saying the fight against drugs was not only a law enforcement problem, but one with political, economic and social dimensions.

The presidents — Virgilio Barco of Colombia, Jaime Paz Zamora of Bolivia, Alberto Fujimori of Peru, Carlos Andres Perez of Venezuela, Patricio Aylwin of Chile and Carlos Menem of Argentina — met privately late Saturday in Lima, only hours after Fujimori's inauguration.

Ecuador was represented by vice-president Luis Parodi, Peru's presidential office said.

At his swearing-in ceremony on Saturday, saying he found the statement repugnant.

There has been no reaction from Gaviria, who will chart the nation's drug strategy from Aug 7.

Security sources quoted by the liberal El Tiempo newspaper on Saturday said the truce

Fujimori said Peru will combat drug trafficking. But he said it is not fair or realistic to expect Peruvian peasants to simply stop growing coca leaf — from which cocaine is made — without some other livelihood.

The Andean presidents said crop-substitution efforts were a top priority.

They reiterated overall support for a US anti-drug plan — announced by President George Bush in Cartagena, Colombia in February — involving Bolivia, Colombia and Peru. But they said the United States also must provide financial help to the poor Latin nations trying to stop drug production.

The US government has proposed a \$2 billion programme of military, economic, police and drug enforcement administration aid to Bolivia, Colombia and Peru through 1994.

Latin American governments, however, have

been wary about allowing direct US anti-drug operations in their countries, concerned about a loss of sovereignty.

The Andean presidents called Bush's proposal "a first step."

Latin American leaders, most notably Barco, have said repeatedly that drug-consuming nations such as the United States are just as responsible for the cocaine problem as are the South American producer countries.

"You cannot place the weight of responsibility for this fight on a poor country buried in a severe economic crisis," Fujimori said in his inaugural address.

The Andean Presidential Council set another meeting for Aug 7 in Bogota, Colombia. They expect to be in the Colombian capital then for the inauguration of that country's president-elect, Cesar Gaviria.

suburbs of Medellín which are believed to be bases of operations for Medellín cartel.

The drug-traffickers may regard the lifting of military control, imposed earlier this year to combat rampant violence, as a conciliatory step by the government.

Fujimori removes navy, air force men

LIMA, July 30, (Reuters): President Alberto Fujimori, vowing to exert discipline over the military, has sacked Peru's navy and air force commanders in one of his first acts as president and reassigned one of them to a desk job in Washington.

Fujimori removed navy commander Admiral Alfonso Paz from his post and reassigned him to Peru's delegation at the Inter-American Defence Board in Washington, a presidential spokesman said.

Fujimori said shortly after winning June election that he knew some high-ranking navy officers resented him because of his Japanese ancestry, but that he saw no sign of military disloyalty. He is the son of Japanese immigrants.

"Discipline ... is what comes first and the president does not have to give absolutely any explanations," Fujimori told a news conference on Sunday.

"We will act without hesitation in all fields and also in that of military discipline," he said when asked about the removals of Paz and air force commander General German Vucetich, whose new post was not immediately made public.

The shake-up in the air force top command had been in the cards due to charges of graft levelled at Vucetich in the purchase of jet spare parts.

Fujimori's defence minister, Army General Jorge Torres, informed the two men of their dismissals on Saturday night, only hours after Fujimori took office from outgoing president Alan Garcia, a spokesman for Fujimori said.

"These changes are not normal, but they were decided by the new government," a Defence Ministry spokesman said.

Fujimori, who earlier in the day presided over the annual military parade in central Lima, said the changes should not be seen as the result of any unease in the military.

"I don't want this to be interpreted as related to any irregularities ... Discipline in our armed forces is respected from within and I must deny any malaise," he said.

There has been no sign of any officers planning any open challenge to the government, despite military intervention in the past times of political crisis.

Panizo was replaced by Admiral Luis Montes Lecaros at the head of the navy, the most conservative branch of the armed forces, and Vucetich was replaced by General Aurelio Velardo Ramirez, the Defence Ministry spokesman said.

Fujimori was sworn in on Saturday on his 52nd birthday as Peru's 107th president, though he is only the 20th to come to office democratically in this South American country with a turbulent political history.

An agronomist and wild-card candidate, Fujimori came from nowhere to upset internationally-known novelist Mario Vargas Llosa's bid for the presidency and won the elections pledging to end corruption and rebuild Peru's dilapidated economy.

Banks were to be closed for two days beginning Monday to give the government more time to develop a plan to cope with Peru's economic crisis, Fujimori said.

At a news conference Sunday, a day after his inauguration, Fujimori also said public utility rates and the price of gasoline will rise as part of a stability plan.

"Monday and Tuesday will be bank holidays. That will give us time to take the right steps that can sustain our economic plan," Fujimori said.



Fujimori reviews a military parade while being accompanied by Bolivian President Jaime Paz Zamora (left) and Chilean President Patricio Aylwin (second from left) July 29 in Lima. (Reuters wirephoto)



Newly inaugurated Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori talks during his first press conference as leader of the country, on Sunday, in Lima. (Reuters wirephoto)

BCCI officers convicted

Noriega bankers, associates charged of laundering

TAMPA, July 30, (AP): Manuel Noriega's longtime personal banker was convicted along with five others yesterday in a scheme to launder \$32 million in cocaine profits for the Medellín cartel.

The verdicts came after seven days of jury deliberations and a six-month-long trial of five international bankers and a Colombian businessman associated with the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

The international bankers were the first to be convicted under US money-laundering laws, and prosecutors hailed the verdict as an important victory in the nation's war on drugs. But it was unclear how the outcome would affect the US government's case against the deposed Panamanian leader, who is himself facing US charges of drug trafficking.

Convicted of conspiracy and various money laundering counts were Amjad Awan, former Miami-based assistant director of BCCI's Latin American division and onetime banker to the deposed Panamanian leader, four other employees of BCCI and a Colombian businessman.

The verdicts were read shortly before noon (1600 GMT) yesterday in a federal courtroom packed with friends and relatives of the accused.

The defendants themselves showed little emotion, but people in the gallery broke into wails, or wept and hugged one another and shouted curses in a tumultuous scene following the verdicts. One woman appeared to faint, then ran screaming from the courtroom when she recovered.

Assistant US attorney Mark Jackowski hailed the verdict. "This case is important to the United States of America because it shows that those who sit in the ivory tower of society, the bankers in the gray suits, they don't touch the dope but they should know that if they violate the law and they are convicted they're going to jail," Jackowski said.

Defence attorneys had little comment, but one vowed appeals.

An 11-member panel decided the case after one original juror was kicked off last week for independently calling a reputed member of the Medellín cocaine cartel while the jury was deliberating.

Jurors, ordered sequestered following the indiscretion, reached their decision late Saturday.

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"The way I feel is like a hurt relative," Castro added, referring to Cuba's two-week-old dispute with Spain over 18 Cubans sheltering at the Spanish Embassy whom Havana has refused to allow to leave the country.

almost empty.

A joke making the rounds alludes to the mathematical impact of a recent 15-cent increase in the price of eggs: $H + H$ per $15 \times 10H = MS90$.

Translated, that means hunger plus 15-cent eggs times 10 hours of work a day equals certain death — muerte seguro — in 1990.

To Cubans, a line for food means there's probably something to buy at the end of it. They worry when there's

Local conflicts, inequalities remain: Castro

MEXICO CITY, July 30, (AP): Cuban President Fidel Castro said yesterday that even if the cold war is over, many problems remain because of regional conflicts and inequalities between nations.

Castro spoke at a Havana gathering of a 28-member organization of developing nations, the official Cuban news agency Prensa Latina reported. The dispatch was monitored in Mexico City.

"Even if the argument that the cold war has ended is true and that a relaxed atmosphere exists in the world, a whole sphere of problems remains," Castro said, "not only because of threats of local conflicts, but also because of what's more serious, the enormous inequality that exists between north and south."

Castro was keynote speaker at the meeting.

The independent organisation was set up four years ago to foster greater economic and political co-operation between developing nations of the Southern Hemisphere.

The commission meeting is scheduled to end tomorrow and a report presented next week in Caracas, Venezuela, said Prensa Latina.

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The US Southern Command in Panama has refused to confirm or deny the authenticity of the documents. "We do not discuss alleged intelligence activities," one official said Friday.

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Not far from the elderly woman's home, plantains and pineapples were the only items available for 100 or so people lined up at a local market. At a market next door, the shelves were

no line because that means nothing's available.

The more fortunate households have one or more retired people, who spend their twilight years standing in line buying food. That spares the rest of the family from the time-consuming duty of buying food.

This spring, a local Communist Party leader exhorted her neighbours at a meeting not to complain publicly about shortages because that would

only benefit American imperialism.

But a few weeks later, the same woman was heard complaining loudly about the meager selection at a market.

A fellow shopper reminded her of her earlier admonition. "The situation has become intolerable," she responded.

Waiting in line at a market the other day, several women expressed outrage that the government had invited to Cuba for an extended stay some Soviet

children who were fallout victims of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl four years ago.

The women all agreed that they had nothing against the children but felt that the government should put the interests of Cuban children ahead of those of foreign children.

In some ways, though, Cuban children are better off than children elsewhere.

Doe's soldiers massacre 200

Rival rebels converge on holdout

MONROVIA, July 30, (AP): Government soldiers early today killed more than 200 people, most of them women and children, in a church refuge camp in the embattled capital, witnesses said.

"I saw dead bodies all around," a witness said on condition of anonymity. "This is genocide."

Most of the refugees were members of the Gio and Mano tribes who have formed the main support for the rebel armies that have fought their way to the base of the hill where President Samuel Doe is holding out in his heavily fortified executive mansion. Most of the Doe's troops are from his Krahn tribe and their allies, the Mandingos.

Soldiers broke into the Lutheran church compound in the Sinkor district at about 2 am (0200 GMT) while the camp residents were sleeping, the witness said.

On Monday, the church was strewn with the bodies of women whose heads had been smashed or blown to pieces by bullets, babies still tied to their backs.

Other bodies hung out of the church windows — they apparently were killed while trying to escape, he said.

There was no telephone or walkie-talkie in the compound to allow the victims to call for help, he said.

Refugees at the Methodist church across the street fled when they heard the killing.

Thousands of refugees fleeing the civil war are crowded into refugee camps in the area.

The refugees in the church compound were among those fleeing the street battles in Monrovia.

Thousands of members of the Krahn and Mandingo tribes also are fleeing into neighbouring countries after reports that the rebels had executed hundreds of them, some in cross-border attacks into refugee camps in Guinea.

European community ambassadors last week warned that this West African country founded in 1847 by freed American slaves was slipping into anarchy and was on the brink of "national suicide."

The ambassadors of France, West Germany, Belgium, Spain and Italy called for an emergency session of the UN Security Council to deal with the Liberian civil war.

The rebels, who began their offensive in December, accuse the government of corruption and human rights abuses and demand Doe's resignation.

Last night, a rebel gunboat fired four shots at Doe's executive mansion, the latest of several raids.

Meanwhile, rival rebel leaders converging on Doe's holdout from different directions each claim imminent victory and discount the significance of the other.

Prince Johnson yesterday said his forces, which had closed to within one mile (1.6 kilometres) of the heavily fortified hilltop estate, were poised to seize Doe and prevent rival Charles Taylor from becoming president.

Taylor, whose National Patriotic Front forces have been blocked for several weeks in the suburb of Paynesville, six miles (10 kilometres) from Monrovia, has declared the dissolution of Doe's government and said Johnson's importance has been exaggerated by the news media.

Johnson said yesterday in his first meeting with foreign correspondents that he, not the more visible Taylor, is leading the main rebel attack.

He accused Taylor, a former Doe aide, of being a Libyan-backed and trained socialist, and a criminal who had broken out of jail in the United States.

Taylor in the early 1980s was charged with embezzling \$1 million from Liberia's general services administration. He was arrested in the United States and escaped jail while awaiting extradition.

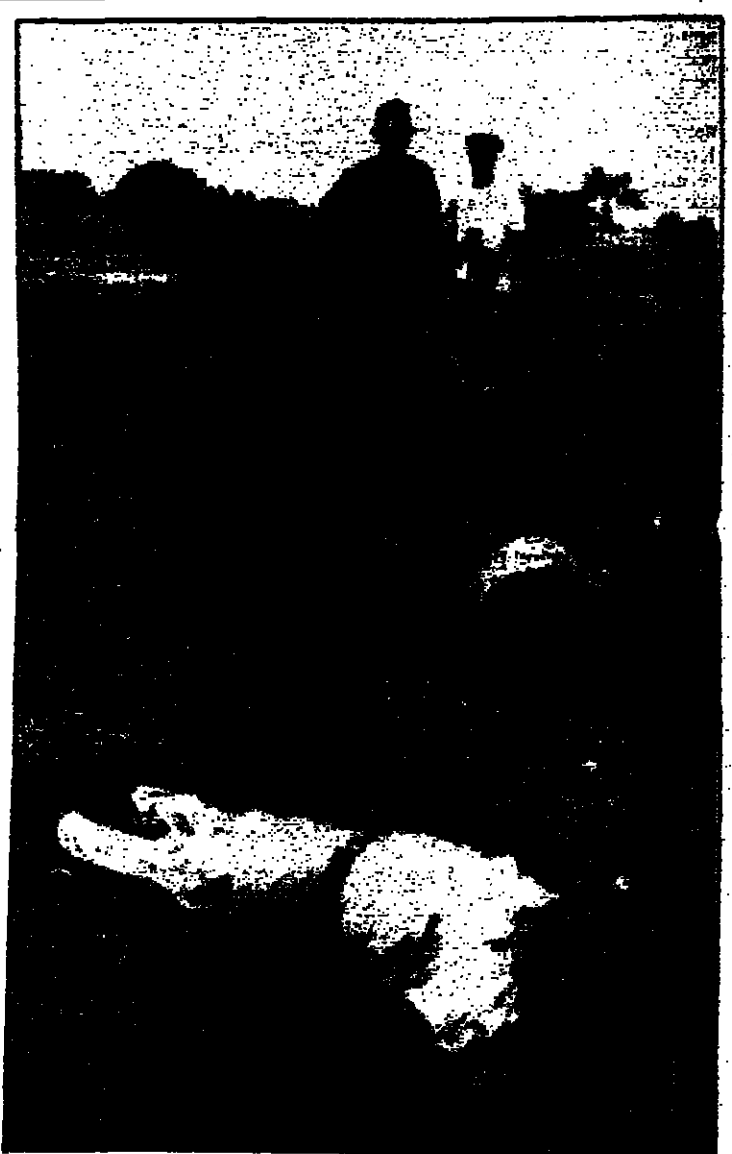
"He is not going to come here now and make himself president," Johnson told reporters.

"I will get Doe. He is not going to get away," he said. He said he had a force of 7,000 men, 4,000 of them deserters from Doe's army. Taylor's army is believed to be 5,000 strong.

Johnson was arrested during the unsuccessful 1985 coup by Brig. Gen. Thomas Quiwonkpa, but escaped and rejoined other exiles in Ivory Coast.

Johnson, who split with Taylor in February, said he and Taylor had trained in Libya with 167 men who later formed the backbone of the rebellion. He said Taylor had agreed to adhere to Libyan socialist principles, while he had not.

Taylor in a message broadcast Friday and Saturday over a local radio station declared the dissolution of Doe's government, proclaimed himself president and promised to hold elections in six months.



Two Liberian rebel fighters survey corpses on the outskirts of Monrovia on Sunday. Nine unidentified dead bodies were found in the area. They appeared to have suffered summary executions. (Reuters wirephoto)

Hunger plus 15-cent eggs times 10 hours of work a day equals certain death ... in Cuba

HAVANA, July 30, (AP): One Cuban woman in her 80s can probably sum up as well as anyone what's good and bad about Cuba's revolution these days.

She hurt her back in a bathtub fall, and she'll be laid up for three months. She lavishly praises her doctors, using words like "magnificent" to describe her care under Cuba's free medical system.

But don't ask this woman, who did not want her name used, what it's like to

go shopping for food.

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Attacks on blacks must end: Mandela

JOHANNESBURG, July 30. (Agencies): The African National Council (ANC) has made clear that it will stand by its allies in the Communist Party, accused by the South African government of conspiring to overthrow the state by force.

ANC leader Nelson Mandela, speaking at the Communist Party's first open rally in 40 years, defended the communists against charges of plotting insurrection.

Mandela said the talks had to proceed in an atmosphere of peace and attacks on blacks by police must stop before the ANC would consider suspending its armed struggle against white rule.

"The violence of the police against the people must come to an end," Mandela said. "If it is genuinely interested in peace and negotiations, the government must act to bring about this result."

Anti-government activists say white-led police still mete out harsh treatment to black demonstrators despite De Klerk's reforms allowing open political dissent.

"Freedom should not be postponed or denied simply because some people have a secret agenda to sustain an anti-democratic crusade against communist opinion," Mandela told 40,000 people at the rally in Johannesburg's Soweto black township.

The white minority government of President F. W. de Klerk, acting on advice from security police, urged Mandela last week to drop Communist Party general secretary Joe Slovo from the ANC team seeking to negotiate an end to apartheid.

Neither Mandela nor Slovo, who has described the allegations as "ghastly lies" fed to De Klerk by fanatically anti-communist security officials, gave any sign at the rally that they would accede to the demand.

The South African government seems to be backing down from a confrontation with the ANC, but the two sides were plotting an insurrection, two newspapers said on Monday.

Business Day and the afternoon Johannesburg Star papers said Pretoria had retreated into silence over its claims that the Communist Party had rejected a negotiated solution to South Africa's problems and planned to overthrow the state by force.

Mandela is due to give answer at a meeting with De Klerk on Wednesday ahead of a second round of government-ANC talks on August 6.

Government sources said the dispute over Slovo would be discussed at a two-day cabinet session that began at a secret venue near Pretoria on Monday.

Political commentators say they expect the meeting will plan strategy for the August 6 talks in which both sides will seek to remove obstacles to final negotiations on ending apartheid and enfranchising the voteless black majority.

The policy-making ANC national executive committee met on Monday to decide on De Klerk's request that Slovo be excluded from the talks.

"The government cannot leave this hanging in the air. It is such a serious accusation," said political analyst Willem Kleynhans.

"It seems they won't take any steps except issuing warnings because they want the negotiations to continue at all costs."

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen, the government's chief political negotiators, told the two newspapers any comment on the accusations could come only from De Klerk.

"Enough has been said already," Vlok told Business Day.

His spokesman told the South African Press Association news agency that ministers were comparing the facts in their possession against statements made on the issue on Sunday at the Communist Party's first rally in 40 years.

In a separate development, police investigating an attempt to explode a car bomb on Saturday in the capital Pretoria said they were questioning the owner of the vehicle.

They said it was the largest car bomb ever found in South Africa and contained 114 kg (250 pounds) of explosives.

The vehicle was in a multi-storey car park under South African Defence Forces offices beside a crowded street.

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu led a march today of squatters protesting the police shooting of two men in a shantytown during a drug raid.

Club gunman appears in court on bomb hoax charges

LONDON, July 30. (Reuters): An Arab who held dozens of people hostage at an exclusive London night-club over the weekend appeared in court today charged with firearms possession, false imprisonment and carrying out a bomb hoax.

Syrian-born Hani El Rayes, 30, was remanded in custody by a London Magistrates Court.

Rayes broke into Tokyo Joe's nightclub in London's West End early on Sunday and held the mostly Arab clientele at gunpoint, threatening to blow up

the building with a bomb strapped to his waist.

Rayes, who was armed with a 12-bore shotgun, a rifle and a bayonet, gave himself up to armed police after 10 hours inside the club during which many members managed to escape as he became high on whisky and cocaine.

The device on his belt turned out to be a fake.

He was accused in court of possessing a weapon with intent to endanger life and making murder threats. He also faces two counts of false imprisonment

and charges relating to the bomb hoax.

Customers said the gunman complained that Arabs were not giving enough support to Palestinians in Lebanon.

He demanded an aircraft to take him to Beirut, saying he was concerned about his family there, before police negotiators persuaded him to surrender.

None of the customers was injured in the siege but Rayes was wounded in the leg when he fell on a broken bottle.

Police late Sunday picked up an unidentified man and woman for questioning. Parts of barrels and stocks from shotguns were found in a car, British Broadcasting Corp. TV news reported.

Some of those released required medical attention, primarily for shock and exhaustion, police said. One person was carried out on a stretcher. All were examined by doctors on the scene, but none was hospitalised.

Tokyo Joe owner Hrad Darian said the gunman spoke good English and

told the hostages he was married to an Englishwoman and that they had three children.

Darian had said the man seemed to be a Palestinian resident of Lebanon, but police declined to identify the man's nationality.

Det. Supt. Alex Edwards of Scotland Yard, who led the police operation, said the gunman drank heavily during the siege and that his behaviour seemed to confirm reports by hostages that he "was on drugs."

Police said he became increasingly irrational as the siege continued, at one point threatening to kill a hostage every five minutes.

Television footage after the surrender showed two large holes in the club ceiling above the dance floor and the bar — apparently caused by shotgun blasts. Chairs and tables were strewn throughout the club.

Several women said they were used as a shield by the gunman as he negotiated with police.



British Member of Parliament, Ian Gow, was killed by a car bomb at his home in southern England yesterday. Gow was a fierce critic of the Irish Republican Army fighting British rule in Northern Ireland. (Reuters wirephoto)

Police blame IRA

Bomb kills UK MP

HANKHAM, England, July 30. (Reuters): British politician Ian Gow, an outspoken critic of the Irish Republican Army (IRA), was killed in the driveway of his home on Monday by a bomb planted in his car.

The commander of Britain's anti-terrorist squad, George Churchill-Coleman, said he believed IRA guerrillas set the bomb.

A former top aide to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Gow quit her Conservative government in November 1985 in protest at the Anglo-Irish agreement which allowed Dublin a voice in Northern Ireland affairs, but remained a Member of Parliament.

Police said the two-kilo (4.4 lb) bomb went off at 8.30 am (0730 GMT) as Gow got into the car outside his home in this peaceful southeastern English village, close to the coastal Eastbourne district he had represented in the House of Commons since 1974.

Asked by reporters at the scene if the IRA, which is fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland, was responsible for the attack, Churchill-Coleman replied: "Yes, it's another typical IRA device."

He said an IRA unit appeared to have been in the area prior to the blast and appealed for witnesses to come forward.

"They have been here previously to carry out some kind of reconnaissance," Churchill-Coleman told a news conference.

He said Gow had been killed by a large bomb, weighing two kilos, placed beneath the car chassis on the driver's side.

Six hours after the explosion, no group had claimed responsibility for planting the bomb.

The IRA has recently stepped up a wave of attacks on military and civilian targets in mainland Britain.

Thatcher said Gow's death was a "grievous loss" to British politics. Visibly shaken as she spoke to

reporters outside her Downing Street office, she vowed that Britain would not yield to terrorist pressure.

Gow's staunch advocacy of continued union between Britain and Northern Ireland had made him a prime target for the IRA.

Only last week, he appeared on television to condemn the killing of a Roman Catholic nun and three police officers by a landmine in Northern Ireland and said the IRA should be warned that "they will never win."

"We are never going to surrender to men who can carry out this type of murder," he said.

Gow was the fourth sitting MP to be killed by Irish Republican guerrillas since March 1979, when the Conservative Party's spokesman on Northern Ireland, Airey Neave — also a top Thatcher aide — was blown up in his car as he drove out of a House of Commons car park.

Balding and bespectacled, Gow was one of the British Parliament's best-known figures and always one of the first to deplore the use of violence in pursuit of political goals.

Churchill-Coleman said Gow's name had been on a hit-list found at an apartment in south London used by the IRA in 1988. Police found a huge arms cache in the apartment while they were investigating a nearby shooting.

Wreckage from Gow's car was spread across the road from his home. One of the first on the scene, Engineer Mark Stewart, 22, said: "It was a terrible mess. The car was in bits all over the place."

A police spokesman said Gow, 53, was still alive when emergency services reached the scene at 8.39 am but died shortly afterwards.

Police threw a 200-metre (yards) cordon around the house while bomb experts with sniffer dogs combed the area for clues.

Interpol expands

East bloc plans to sign up

LYON, France, July 30. (AP): The end of the cold war may help the international criminal police organisation, better known as Interpol, live up to its name.

Interpol, the largest international police agency with 150 member nations, probably will grant membership this year to the Soviet Union and Poland, and possibly to Czechoslovakia.

The global police agency is entering a new era as politicians urge closer international co-ordination against drug trafficking and other cross-border crimes. Gen. Raymond Kendall, the agency's director, said in an interview.

"What you're looking for in Europe today is a common denominator," Kendall said. "Clearly, the only common denominator that exists, in police work anyway, is Interpol."

After 34 years, Interpol remains widely misunderstood. It does not conduct investigations but serves as a clearinghouse of information about criminals and crimes, including drug trafficking, terrorism, art theft and smuggling.

Soviet membership, expected to be approved at Interpol's general assembly in Ottawa this September, should give outsiders hard information about drug routes stretching from Soviet territory into Western Europe, Kendall said.

Kendall is a former Scotland Yard chief deputy superintendent. He oversaw Interpol's move into a new headquarters in Lyon and now is selling the agency as a leading element in the fight against international crime.

Interpol evolved from the International Criminal Police Commission started by the Vienna police department in 1923 to gather and distribute information on cross-border crime.

The Nazis dissolved the commission in World War II, but it was revived informally in Paris in 1946

and renamed a decade later. The spy-like designation Interpol, a telegraph address code, inspired some thriller writers to portray a network of gadget-equipped agents hunting criminals.

Interpol's reality is more mundane. Its employees are armed with computers and fax machines, not silenced pistols or belt-buckle cameras.

"We are not James Bonds travelling from one place to another," said Miguel Chamorro of Spain, Interpol's executive secretary and second-in-command. "We only collect information, analyse it and pass it on."

No international convention sets guidelines for Interpol, which governments belong to through their police agencies.

Critics say this allows no outside oversight. "Interpol isn't accountable to anyone except themselves," said Jerry Arenberg, executive director of the National Association of Police chiefs in the United States.

Commissioner Burg van Baarle of the Utrecht police in the Netherlands, on the other hand, feels more oversight by governments could turn policemen into politicians.

In defence of Interpol, he said: "Where else can you get the United States, Libya and Iran into one organisation to work on common goals?"

Van Baarle says it's up to individual police agencies to independently verify information they receive from Interpol.

From the beginning, the organisation has traded in mugshots, fingerprints and criminal files. In the lower-tech 1950s and 1960s, the tools were clunky personal contacts, telephones and telexes.

Interpol responded slowly to technological change and the new breed of international crimes like terrorism and drug trafficking in the 1970s and 1980s.

Armenian lawmakers defying Gorbachev

Protesters block trains in Georgia

MOSCOW, July 30. (AP): Armenian lawmakers have voted to defy President Mikhail Gorbachev's decree that armed groups must turn in their weapons and disband, a local activist said yesterday.

Lawmakers yesterday gave preliminary approval to a resolution that would suspend Gorbachev's decree on Armenian territory, as well as in the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh, according to a spokesman for the Armenian National Movement.

The measure will be discussed further at the parliament's session today, said the spokesman in a telephone interview from Armenia's capital of Yerevan.

He estimated 10,000-20,000 Armenians were involved in illegally armed groups, but said others put the figure at 40,000 and as high as 100,000.

Bakatin acknowledged there could be problems implementing Gorbachev's decree if Moscow does not have the full co-operation of the republics.

The Interfax News Agency reported that many Armenian lawmakers sharply oppose the decree, and some wanted to form an independent Armenian Army during the 15 days.

Gorbachev's decree encompassed all groups that threatened people's lives, seized arms, assaulted soldiers or police, or attacked military and civilian facilities.

Besides Armenia, Bakatin said illegally armed groups also operate in Moldova, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.

Bakatin said Interior Ministry troops would be sent to republics requesting them, and army troops could go in if a state of emergency were declared. He said many local officials are swept up in the same nationalism as their neighbours are powerless to stop ethnic fighting.

In Armenia, troops have seized 6,000 firearms, including 1,500 automatic weapons, Bakatin said.

Meanwhile, more than 200 trains have been blocked in the Georgian republic by protesters demanding the immediate registration of political groups for multiparty elections, a railroad official said today.

Georgy Davidov, the deputy rail minister in charge of freight, told Soviet television the protest has held up 300,000 tons of cargo, including wheat, oil, sugar, meat and gasoline.

The goods are stuck at the Samtredia railway junction of the Trans-Caucasian railroad, about 210 kms (125 miles) northwest of Tbilisi, the republic's capital.

The protest began Thursday to press demands that the Georgian parliament convene immediately to adopt a law to register groups for the Oct 28 elections. Parliament is not scheduled to meet until Aug 17.

The situation remains unchanged, the trains are held up, there is no traffic," Davidov told Soviet television news.

He said 200 freight trains and a dozen passenger trains were stalled, adding that 2,000 of the 30,000 passengers caught in the blockade were still aboard the trains.

The Soviet defence network would remain in place in the Baltic even if the three Baltic republics seceded from the Soviet Union, the region's naval commander-in-chief was quoted on Sunday as saying.

Tass news agency said Vitaly Ivanov, commander of the Baltic fleet, told a news conference on Saturday that the security network in the Baltic would not be destroyed, whatever the political circumstances.

capital of Yerevan. The spokesman, who declined to give his name, said the lawmakers believe the presidential decree contradicts the Armenian constitution.

Gorbachev issued a decree Wednesday giving illegally armed militants across the country 15 days to turn in their weapons or risk having them confiscated by local police, officials of the republics or Interior Ministry troops.

Soviet Interior Minister Vadim Bakatin said Friday that if armed groups disobey the order, military force will be used. He referred specifically to armed troops in Armenia.



A Soviet soldier stands guard at a border post at the Nakhichevan border southern Armenia July 27. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Help me lead Poland to democracy'

WARSAW, July 30. (AP): Lech Walesa rejected calls from intellectuals yesterday to dissolve his National Citizens Committee and urged the panel to help him lead Poland to democracy.

Walesa addressed a meeting of the committee, which since 1988 had functioned as Solidarity's political arm. It was the first meeting of the committee since many of Walesa's longest-serving advisers broke ranks with him over his dispute with Solidarity Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki.

Even in its reduced state, Walesa said, the Citizens Committee was "indispensable for Poland — which faces such big reforms and such great dangers."

Responding to recently circulated accusations that Walesa's new supporters include anti-semitic elements, the committee passed a resolution condemning all manifestations of anti-semitism. Some right-wing politicians have charged that the Mazowiecki camp is dominated by Jews.

Even "passive toleration" of anti-semitism "could cause irreparable moral and political harm," the resolution said.

Walesa himself frequently uses his Polish Catholics, who make up the vast majority of the population, of the contributions of Jews to Poland and the suffering of Polish Jews during the Holocaust.

More than 70 of Walesa's senior advisers and allies in the Solidarity movement who suggested at a stormy meeting on June 24 that the committee's role had ended stayed away yesterday.

Instead, most of them took part Saturday in the founding Congress of a pro-government political party.

Bonn, Berlin officials meet

German talks on polls, unity

EAST BERLIN, July 30. (Reuters): East and West Germany today began discussing the procedure for pan-German elections and a treaty on the terms for unification.

Bonn Interior Minister Wolfgang Schauble and Guenther Krause, a senior East German state secretary, met at East Berlin's cabinet office to prepare for formal negotiations starting on Wednesday.

"It is important to find an electoral system that allows a major part of the (East German) population to be represented in parliament and provides legal peace and legal security," Krause told reporters.

He said a consensus was building around a system that would retain Bonn's five per cent threshold for parliamentary seats but allow smaller parties to enter the legislature by forming alliances with the main blocs.

"It is certainly more democratic to allow smaller lists to be represented in parliament at least for a transition period," he said.

The four partners left in East Germany's ruling coalition were to meet later today to iron out differences over the timing of unification and the mechanics of holding the first all-German elections in half a century on December 2.

Last week the Liberals quit Christian Democratic Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere's administration in a row over last-ditch political manoeuvring in

the final months of East Germany's sovereign existence.

The Social Democrats decided at the last minute not to leave the coalition after De Maiziere proposed a compromise.

Coalition parties in Bonn and East Berlin hopes to reach an accord on the elections by tomorrow, ready for the formal talks starting on Wednesday.

The most likely compromise, dubbed the "piggyback" system, would be to keep West Germany's minimum vote hurdle but allow smaller parties to ride on the same ticket as larger ones.

This might exclude the once mighty Communists, who have no larger Western partner.

Another possibility would be to apply a separate five per cent hurdle in each of the 16 federal states, giving small parties a better chance of being represented in parliament.

In three days of formal negotiations, Schauble and Krause, backed by large teams of experts, will debate the outlines of a 500-page political unification treaty and finalise an election treaty to be ratified by the two parliaments on August 8 and 9.

The main treaty covers the nuts and bolts of unification — everything from traffic rules, property rights and abortion law to education and the fate of Stasi security police files.

It will also set out changes to the West German Basic Law, which will become united Germany's constitution.

Hungary referendum not valid due to low turnout

BUDAPEST, July 30. (Reuters): Barely one in seven Hungarians voted in today's referendum to choose how to elect the country's president, a turnout so low that it leaves parliament to choose the next head of state.

The turnout, well below the 50 per cent required to make the vote valid, boosted the presidential chances of interim head of state Arpad Goncz and rebuffed the ex-communist Hungarian Socialist Party (HSP), one of the referendum's main advocates.

With four-fifths of the vote counted, just 13.8 per cent of Hungary's 7.85 million voters went to the polls on a hot summer day, Janos Nemeth, president of the Hungarian Election Committee told a news conference.

Voter apathy left parliament to pick the new president as it has done in the past, but of those Hungarians who voted, the vast majority backed direct elections.

Of the 862,302 votes 85.9 per cent favoured direct elections — advocated by the HSP — and only 14.1 per cent voted that parliament should elect the head of state, Nemeth said.

Although nearly one-fifth of the votes were still uncounted, it was unlikely the trend could change significantly, he added.

The HSP, the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party (HSWP) and leftist inclined independent deputies forced the referendum by collecting over 100,000 signatures.

The results bore out predictions that suspicion of former communist candidates, holidays, and general disillusionment in post-communist politics would keep voters away from the polls.

"I sense a general feeling of indifference in people as great expectations attached to the post-communist system were not fulfilled," 29-year-old electrical engineer, Karoly Basa told Reuters earlier yesterday.

"These are just last efforts by the communists to survive their power," a young man at a Budapest polling station said.

Some Hungarians also complained at being dragged to the polls twice on the same issue.



Laotians wait on the banks of the Mekong river.

Laos slowly moves towards development

Officials admit much needs to be done; watchwords are 'step by step'

VIENTIANE, Laos, July 30, (AP): While other Asian nations work around the clock in quest of prosperity, residents of Vientiane still take midday siestas and jealousy guard their weekends.

Vientiane, never the briskest of capitals, virtually came to a halt after the communists took over in 1975.

Although people who live here say things have picked up in recent years, despite appearances. Children play in the dry fountain of a central plaza, and tethered goats munch the tall grass. Nearby, chickens and turkeys peck in the muddy compounds of

government ministries.

Japanese vehicles are replacing old Soviet and French models, but traffic remains sparse. Offices close for lunch from 11.30 until 2 pm, and weekends are reserved for family and friends.

Since 1986, the government has pursued Western-style reforms in one of the world's poorest economies, relaxing rigid policies that caused businessmen and tens of thousands of other Laotians to flee the country.

Political reform is nowhere in sight, however, and diplomats note that relations

between Laos and China, its huge, hardline northern neighbour, have become especially cordial.

The Chinese merchant class is re-emerging in Vientiane, and new small enterprises have sprouted. But there is none of the urgency seen in such other Southeast Asian countries as booming Thailand, just across the Mekong River.

"Asia's full of dynamism, but that's not Laos," said a Western development expert, speaking anonymously. "I think that, in the long term, it will remain a unique case, more like an African country than an Asian one."

Officials acknowledge much needs to be done to develop the country, but their watchwords are "step by step."

No significant manufacturing base has been created, despite 15 years of aid from Moscow and Eastern Europe, and help more recently from Japan, Sweden, Australia and other Western countries. The annual per capita income is less than \$170.

Officials blame the malaise on the incentive-numbing central planning of the past and on inefficient use of aid from communist allies.

One programme sent 50 Laotians to the Soviet Union to become railroad engineers, a Western diplomat said. Laos has no railroad.

Trade is hampered by lack of direct access to the sea and by derelict road and telephone systems. The nation's 4 million people are spread over an area the size of Britain, and most educated Laotians have fled.

Infant mortality is among the world's highest, 200 per 1,000 births in some areas. Vanavet Rajapong, vice minister of health, said it "is a very important problem for us. We need the labour and manpower for development."

Among the country's assets are rich supplies of timber and minerals.

Analysts say the unspoiled countryside and tropical climate provide great potential for tourism, but the government shows no enthusiasm for foreigners. It is eliminating the drug culture and prostitution that attracted Western "hippies" before 1975, and now limits the number of visitors.

Vietnam has few hotels. In Phone Savane, a town on the legendary Plain of Jars, the only hotel is made of mouldering plywood.

When an aging Soviet Antonov aircraft crashed on landing late in 1989, Laos was left with only five domestic passenger planes. Officials say they haven't enough money to replace the Antonov.

In hopes of obtaining foreign cash to fill some of the gaps, the National Assembly recently passed laws intended to increase investor confidence.

delegation, also asked for time to study a package of demands made by the Bougainville delegation that include the end of a trade embargo, re-establishment of telecommunications and banking services, and release of "prisoners of war."

The island also wants the Australian mining company CRA to pay \$10 billion in compensation for environmental damage caused

by the huge copper mine on Bougainville. Disputes over proceeds from the mine led to a landowners' revolution that began 20 months ago and escalated into a secessionist campaign. An estimated 100 people have been killed.

The mine has been closed, cutting off the national government's major source of income.

2 more pulled alive from ruins

14 days after Manila quake

MANILA, Philippines, July 30, (AP): A 27-year-old cook and fitness instructor was pulled today from the ruins of a hotel that collapsed 14 days ago in an earthquake. He is among the longest survivors of a quake on record.

Pedrito Dy was rescued about 3:45 am (1945 GMT) from the wreckage of the Hyatt Hotel in Baguio, a mountain resort 130 miles (210 kms) to the north. He was the third person found alive at the Hyatt since Friday, when a man and a woman were rescued.

Dy was flown to Manila, where doctors said he was suffering from dehydration and low blood sugar. Dr Raul Morena said Dy survived because he was athletic and suffered no serious injuries in the July 16 quake. "I drank my urine, sometimes drops of rainwater," Dy said when he arrived in Manila. "I caught water with my mouth and scooped urine with the palm of my hand. For 13 days, I was telling myself I would die. And then I cried for help."

Emotion

Dy, whose eyes appeared glazed and whose face showed little emotion, said he became so despondent that he tried to commit suicide by banging his head against the debris.

In a voice barely audible, Dy said: "I prayed constantly to the Virgin Mary and gave my life up to the Lord. Then I wasn't scared anymore."

Morena said Dy was disoriented because of low blood sugar but that he was responding to treatment. He was examined at Manila's Makati Medical Centre.

Manila truce

To free hostages

BACOLOD, Philippines, July 30, (AP): The military agreed today to demands by communist rebels for a three-day ceasefire to free a US Peace Corps volunteer and a Japanese aid worker held on the central island of Negros.

Officials said the two, Timothy Swanson, 26, and Fumio Mizuno, 36, were expected to be freed separately on Thursday. In Manila, US embassy spokesman Stanley Schrage said Swanson would probably be flown to the capital after his release and later sent to the United States.

The Rev. Antonio Fortich, retired Roman Catholic Bishop of Negros Island, said the rebels asked for the truce in seven communities on Negros between Wednesday and Friday.

Brig. Gen. Raymond Jarque, military commander of Negros, said he agreed to a temporary "cessation of hostilities" and that troops would not interfere with the release.

Fortich told reporters the two were in good condition and that Mizuno, an official of the Organisation of Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement, was spending time playing basketball with his captors.

Fortich said the letter also contained demands. He refused to elaborate but said they did not include ransom.



An election official (left) holds a portable ballot box as an elderly Mongolian living in a yurt casts his ballot July 29. (Reuters wirephoto)

Step toward democracy

Mongolian polls

ULAN BATOR, July 30, (AP):

Communist Party chairman Gombojavyn Ochirbat and the leaders of several new opposition parties won legislative seats in Mongolia's first free elections, the opposition parties announced today.

"There will be quite enough supporters of democratic change" in the new legislature to have an impact, said Sonomtserengin Mendshaikhan, secretary of the opposition Social Democratic Party. "We cannot say Mongolia now is democratic, but it has taken the first step toward democracy."

The total number of seats won by each party was not available today. The National Election Commission said it had not received reports from all districts, and that it did not expect to announce complete results until Wednesday.

Ballots from yesterday's election, which added Mongolia to the ranks of Soviet-bloc countries embracing democracy, were being counted by hand.

Polling places are telephoning vote totals to the commission in Ulan Bator, but the count is not considered official until written figures are delivered. More than 90 per cent of Mongolia's approximately 1 million eligible voters took part despite heavy rains that washed out roads in

some parts of the country.

The communists, in power since 1921, are being challenged by five new opposition parties that were born last winter out of popular demonstrations against decades of authoritarian rule. All parties agree on the need for greater freedom and market-style economic reform, but they differ on the pace and boldness those changes should take.

The communists were guaranteed control of the national legislature, the 430-seat Great People's Hural, because the new parties could not nominate candidates for all the seats in time. However, the opposition hoped to win a majority in the 53-seat small Hural, which will meet between the great Hural's annual sessions.

The National Election Commission issued no results for great Hural races, but opposition parties released the totals for constituencies where they had candidates.

The Party of National Progress, which had candidates for 18 seats, said they won at least seven.

They lost in a key race, against Communist Party chairman Ochirbat. They reported Ochirbat won 51.3 per cent of the vote, to 47.8 per cent for their candidate, a 29-year-old lawyer named Ganbold.

the cushion shielded him from falling debris, he said. Dy said he found a metal tube in the rubble, which he used to tap out distress calls.

Before they left, British investigators said they heard tapping sounds from the basement. But the tapping ceased, and they abandoned the search because they thought the victim had died. It was unclear whether someone else was also tapping signals.

Dy said he was aware of the passage of time because a clock in the gym was undamaged and continued to strike daily at noon and midnight.

Officials said more than 1.1 million Filipinos were either jobless or homeless because of the quake, the worst since August 1976 when a temblor and tidal wave killed more than 3,000 people.

Aussie mag starts drug addict contest

SYDNEY, July 30, (AP): A national publication is launching a contest this week for drug addicts and is offering the winner a trip to Thailand.

To enter, readers of the picture magazine will be asked to write saying why they genuinely want a cure for heroin addiction.

The winner will receive round-trip airfare and 10 days' stay at Krabok, a Buddhist detoxification clinic in Thailand.

Villagers rebuild on Ho trail

Two decades after war

'Bombies' still maim in Laos

PLAIN OF JARS, Laos, July 30, (AP): Children found two metal spheres the size of tennis balls and were playing with them when the toys exploded, killing a 7-year-old boy and seriously wounding another child.

That was in April, in Ban Na Dee village. Nearly two decades after the air war ended, small anti-personnel bombs dropped on Laos by American planes kill and maim dozens of people a year.

The Plain of Jars, a remote region of central Laos named for the hundreds of ancient burial urns spread over its undulating hills, was one of the most heavily bombed areas of Indochina between 1964 and 1973.

American planes rained "bombies," as the Laotians call the anti-personnel bomblets, and thousands of tonnes of conventional bombs on areas under the control of Laotian communist guerrillas.

The small round bombs, designed to kill or disable people, explode and spew ball bearings, tiny darts or shrapnel of metal or plastic. Many that did not go off lie hidden in rice paddies and long grass throughout the Plain of Jars.

Xieng Khouang province officials said 19 people had been killed and 39 wounded by the bombies in 1990. Boua Van, a provincial administrator, said more than 1,000 people had been killed in Xieng Khouang since the bombing ended in 1973, two-thirds of them children.

Western aid workers say villagers are afraid to farm in many parts of the province.

"The villagers are subsistence farmers who have to go out and dig for their living," a Laotian official said, on condition of anonymity.

"When they go out to plow their fields or dig latrines, they risk uncovering a bombie. In some cases the decision where to dig an irrigation ditch depends on whether there are bombies around."

Some of the war's leftovers have been welcome. Scrap merchants say they will be in business for years with the debris littering the Plain of Jars. Khum Meuang said he sells tonnes of bomb scraps and aluminium from downed US aircraft to buyers in Thailand and Vietnam.

Ball bearings from "bombies" can be used to repair bicycles, he said, and aircraft aluminium brings a profit of \$1 a kilogramme (2.2 pounds) when sold to Thai buyers.

"It's best quality, better than the stuff they can get over there," the merchant said.

Aluminium scrap of lesser quality is made into the spoons found in noodle stalls. Livestock wear bells crafted from bomb parts.

Under-wing fuel tanks from jet fighters have become elegant canoes in Savannakhet province.

Hmong Hill people make traditional-style jewellery from aircraft aluminium, which they say is lighter, more plentiful and cheaper than silver.

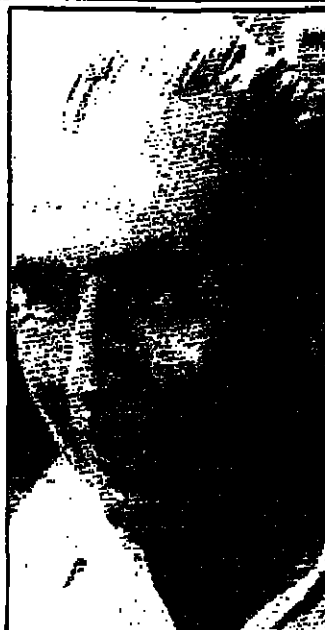
Villagers say large unexploded bombs are relatively easy to avoid or defuse, but that some of the bombies have no external fuse mechanisms and may explode without warning.

were next in line, then that was it."

Each B-52 dropped 30 tons of bombs in "boxes" half a mile wide (about a kilometre) and two miles (three kilometres) long, gorging out permanent craters.

"When they bombed like that, people ran away to the mountains to live in caves," Lahoun said. "Some years, we had to change places five times. When we came back, there was nothing left."

Ban Dong Nai and Tchepone were totally destroyed by 1973.



Polyukhovich: serious

War criminal in serious condition

ADELAIDE, Australia, July 30, (UPI): A man due in court today to stand trial for the slayings of 24 people in the Ukraine during World War II was in serious condition after being shot in the chest by an unknown assailant.

Police are treating the case as an attempted murder, a spokesman said.

A 24-hour police guard has been placed on Ivan Polyukhovich, 74, who was in intensive care after undergoing emergency surgery yesterday to remove a bullet from his chest.

An automatic handgun, a .22-calibre Beretta, believed to be the weapon used in the attack, was found in long grass about near the scene of the shooting.

No new date for the trial was set.

EC to send team to Hanoi on refugees

HONG KONG, July 30, (Reuters): European Community officials are to visit Hanoi to offer money to ease the return of tens of thousands of boat people now languishing in Southeast Asia's camps, a senior Hong Kong official said today.

Mike Hanson, Hong Kong's chief refugee co-ordinator, said the EC officials would discuss the plan with Vietnam and ascertain the best way in which financial help could be given.

The boat people problem has grown into an angry confrontation between Washington and Hanoi on one hand and the "first asylum" countries of Southeast Asia on the other.

The United States and Vietnam remain firmly opposed to forcibly repatriating the 120,000 boat people in camps in Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines. Washington argues that more effort should be put into persuading people to return voluntarily.

The members of the Association of South East Asian Nations are threatening to stop accepting boat people unless Hanoi and Washington agree to forcibly returning some of them to Vietnam.

Hanson attended the annual Asian meeting with the grouping's main trading partners in Jakarta last week where the EC initiative was announced.

He said: "They (the EC) are sending a team of officials to Hanoi to see what is needed and to get Vietnam's views."

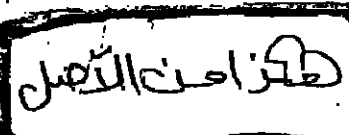
"They will then talk to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. This is a very valuable initiative, something which is very helpful indeed."

Diplomatic sources in Hong Kong said the EC initiative, which calls for financial aid to be given to both individuals and their communities, could prove a way out of the impasse on repatriating boat people.

"The problem is that the situation had become polarised, with the United States and Vietnam dug in on one side and the Asian countries entrenched on the other. There seemed little chance of a solution," said a Western diplomat who follows the boat people issue.

"A lot of people agree that forced repatriation is not the only answer; you've got to make things more attractive economically back home for these people. This is the way to do it," he said, adding that he thought it would give a significant boost to the UNHCR's voluntary repatriation programme.

Under the programme over 3,000 people, mostly from Hong Kong, have returned to Vietnam under guarantees from Vietnam that they would not be punished.



Faithful gather in front of Faisal Mosque to make their devotions

Ghost of Zia-ul-Haq haunts Pakistani politics

ISLAMABAD, July 30, (Reuters): Every day, in the stifling heat of the Pakistani summer, small numbers of the faithful gather in front of the Faisal Mosque in Islamabad to make their devotions.

The prayers and benedictions are not directed at Allah. They are for General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, the military ruler who dominated Pakistan for 11 years before he died in a mysterious plane crash in August, 1988.

Zia's death set off the popular grounds-well that brought Benazir Bhutto, the first female prime minister in the Islamic world, to power.

But almost two years after his death, the steady-eyed general, and the military power he represented, continue to cast a long shadow over Pakistan's troubled young democracy.

"We are used to generals," said an official in the southern city of Karachi. "In Pakistan, all of our democratically elected governments fall sooner or later to martial law."

The Zia administration was not Pakistan's first military government. General Ayub Khan overthrew a civilian government in 1958. He was succeeded in 1969 by General Yahya Khan, who lasted only two years before the country returned to civilian rule under Bhutto's father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Zia seized power from Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in 1977, portraying himself as a son of the soil bent on rooting out the corruption and inefficiency of a feudal ruling elite.

During his rule, Pakistan began implementing Islamic laws and the army exerted strict control, jailing thousands of political dissidents, including Benazir

Bhutto.

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who founded the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) that his daughter now heads, was tried on charges of instigating a murder and hanged in 1979 after Zia rejected appeals for clemency.

Despised as a despot by many, Zia kept Pakistan firmly in line. Now, amid mounting problems, his sombre figure has become a political touchstone against which an embattled Benazir Bhutto measures her successes and critics tick off her failures.

Benazir was elected because of her long fight against Zia. Without Zia, there would be no Benazir," said a diplomat in Islamabad.

Bhutto, who in her biography described the mustachioed Zia as looking "like an English cartoon villain", frequently invokes the grim spectre of the dead general to

remind the people of Pakistan how far they have come.

Her speeches are peppered with references to Pakistan's suffering under military dictatorship and its "brave struggle" to re-establish democracy.

But critics say the Zia excuse is wearing thin, and charge her with failing to address crises that have exploded since the general's death, including anarchy in Benazir's home province of Sind, increased tensions with India, chaos in Parliament and serious economic problems.

"She has proved her maturity, her lack of sagacity, lack of wisdom, lack of comprehension, lack of vision," opposition legislator Abida Hussain said in a recent speech to Parliament.

"There is a general disillusionment with political parties. It has become simply a war

of words, and people are fed up with it," said Mushahid Hussain, a respected political analyst.

"The army is seen as an arbiter that is beyond party politics... above the fray," he said. "This could be a dangerous development."

Hints of nostalgia for the days of military rule are tricky for Benazir, whose precarious compromise with army leaders has been most strained in recent months by the outbreak of violence between immigrant Mohajirs and the native inhabitants of Sind.

Benazir, who effectively shares power with two Zia proteges, President Ghulam Ishaq Khan and armed forces chief Mirza Aslam Beg, has been under heavy pressure to give the army greater leeway to enforce order in Sind, a move tantamount to admitting her own inability to maintain the peace.

"She is ruling because the army has decided to let her rule for the time being," said the diplomat. "The army will always have the last say."

A June poll by the Pakistan Institute of Public Opinion revealed that 28 per cent of respondents thought martial law should be re-imposed, against 19 per cent in a poll taken in November, 1989.

The general's image took a beating after the PPP came to power in 1988, but political analysts say it seems to be regaining some of its spit-and-polish shine.

"Zia is an effective symbol, and many in the opposition are starting to hang their reputations on him," said a diplomat.

"I thought Zia was a good man," said 26-year-old taxi driver who said he had no political affiliation. "Under Zia, we knew somebody was running the government."

Thailand raps US shift on Cambodia

BANGKOK, July 30, (UPI): The Thai military today said the US shift in policy toward Cambodia will drive the brutal Khmer Rouge into a corner and accelerate the fighting inside Cambodia.

"The United States see only their own benefits, it's not a proper action," said Lt Gen. Naruodol Dejpradyuth, spokesman for the supreme command.

Naruodol said the recent US shift in policy, announcing that it favoured withdrawing recognition of the Cambodian resistance at the UN, will accelerate the fighting between the Vietnamese-installed government of Prime Minister Hun Sen and the tripartite guerrillas based in Thailand.

The Thai military, faced with the battle-hardened Vietnamese Army of over a million men on Thailand's border with Cambodia in 1979, was eager to allow the Khmer Rouge to organize a guerrilla force as a buffer between Thai and Vietnamese forces. Thailand's principal objective in the past decade has been to keep the Indochinese warfare from spilling over into its territory and to limit the refugee problem to border camps.

The Thai spokesman said Washington's decision will drive the Khmer Rouge — blamed for the death of more than 1 million civilians during its 1975-1978 rule — to the "dark corner."

"The Khmer Rouge is Khmer. If we don't want them, where can we keep them? Will the United States take them?" Naruodol said. He echoed longstanding Thai fears that a half million Cambodian refugees, many armed and militant, will remain on Thai soil as a future problem for Thais to deal with once Western interest in the region wanes.

He said the three resistance armies have escalated military attacks against the government troops in various areas in north-western Cambodia while the Khmer Rouge destroyed one government jet fighter at Kompong Thom airport, 75 miles (120 km) north of Phnom Penh.

He said government troops started to use airstrikes to stop the guerrillas in areas northwest of Phnom Penh.

"The situation is so tough that (the Cambodian President) Heng Samrin's troops have to use jet fighters," Naruodol said.

Vietnam invaded Cambodia in late 1978, ousted the Khmer Rouge and installed the Phnom Penh regime.

Cambodian nationalist leader Son Sann today blamed the Phnom Penh government for the postponement of a scheduled meeting in Paris among Cambodian political factions.

Son Sann told a Paris press conference that Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen was responsible for the last-minute postponement of the meeting and said the US Congress was "influenced by Vietnamese propaganda."

Singapore, China talk on relations

SINGAPORE, July 30, (Reuters): Chinese officials began talks here today on establishing diplomatic relations with Singapore, Asian diplomats said.

One diplomat said the talks were "preliminary in nature" and a senior Chinese minister was expected to arrive later this year before a formal announcement was made.

The Foreign Affairs Ministry said the Chinese delegation, which arrived on Friday, would leave tomorrow. It declined further comment. The Chinese delegation could not be reached.

Singapore has said it expects to establish relations with China after Indonesia does so. Indonesia and China are scheduled to resume diplomatic links on August 8 after a 23-year break.



A pushcart ferries a small taxi through the flooded streets of a Dhaka suburb on Sunday. The widespread flooding has forced many shops to close and residents to move by boats through the capital. (Reuters wirephoto)

Separatists shoot top police officer

Assam minister quits

NEW DELHI, July 30, (AP): The home minister of Assam state resigned following the assassination of a senior police officer by militant separatists, news reports said.

The shooting yesterday came hours after militants of the United Liberation Front of Assam freed the general manager of the state-owned oil company and two other hostages in exchange for three imprisoned comrades.

The events marked an upsurge in violence in the resource-rich eastern state of Assam, where a persistent guerrilla campaign is being waged for independence from India.

Gunmen yesterday pumped automatic gunfire into the car of district police superintendent Daulat Singh Negi, killing him, his bodyguard and driver. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but reports based on police accounts blamed the ULFA.

Home Minister Bhurigu Phukan, who was in charge of the two-week negotiations to free the hostages, submitted his resignation, taking moral responsibility for Negi's death, the United News of India reported.

The series of events began July 16 when gunmen seized H.K.L. Das, the government-appointed head of the Guwahati refinery, his son Amarnath and his driver Anup Duara.

They demanded the release of three activists awaiting trial in connection with alleged terrorist activities.

On Phukan's intervention, the three activists were granted bail. Shortly after midnight yesterday, they were driven through prison gates and were picked up by masked men carrying AK-47 assault rifles, the Hindustan Times reported.

Duara, the released driver, told reporters the hostages were kept bound and blindfolded except briefly in the mornings. He estimated that they were held about two hours from Assam's capital, Guwahati, and were moved by foot every night to a new hiding place.

Their captors treated them politely and asked forgiveness before releasing them, Duara was quoted as saying.

Assam, a tea-and-oil-producing region in India's remote eastern region underwent a student-led violent campaign in the early 1980s over the federal government's failure to pump oil revenues back into the state for development, and over an influx of refugees from Bangladesh.

About 3,600 people were killed before the conflict ended in 1985 with an agreement for greater autonomy. But the accord was rejected by radicals who want to secede from India.

US 'atomic reunion'

Survivors to dedicate peace monument

SALT LAKE CITY, July 30, (AP): When George Marquardt looks back 45 years, he focuses on a millisecond: the vibration of a steeply banking B-29 and the fireball, always the fireball, rising from Hiroshima.

"It was such a terrific blast. It was like the sun had come out of the ground and just exploded," recalls Marquardt, who was pilot of a plane that accompanied the bomber Enola Gay on Aug. 6, 1945.

More than half a lifetime later, Marquardt and other members of the 509th composite group will gather on the desert west of Salt Lake City to celebrate the peace they believe the atomic bomb brought.

The Aug 25 dedication of a peace memorial in the town of Wendover, Nevada, is expected to draw more than 200 members of the bomber group.

They will include retired Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets, pilot of the Enola Gay, the B-29 that dropped the A-bomb on Hiroshima. Also expected at the reunion is retired Maj. Gen. Charles "Chuck" Sweeney, who flew the B-29 that dropped the A-bomb on Nagasaki three days after the Hiroshima attack. Nearly 300,000 people died in the bombing, and Japan capitulated five days later, ending World War II.

Among the speakers will be Hideaki Kase, an author and adviser to two Japanese prime ministers. In a telephone interview from Tokyo, Kase said the idea of speaking to his country's former enemies was disconcerting.

"What I know is this: Japan during the war also had a programme to develop a nuclear bomb, and had we succeeded I'm sure we would have used it. We have no ground to complain," Kase said.

The ceremony will dedicate a 16-foot (5-metre) obelisk honouring the 509th, "all who contributed to bring this dreadful war to an end" and the dead of Hiroshima and Nagasaki "for their sacrifice to mankind's struggle for a more peaceful world."

Japan also has monuments commemorating the bombings. Hiroshima collected more than \$2.5 million in public donations last year to preserve the skeletal remains of a

building left standing near the hypocentre.

When Hiroshima launched a major refurbishment of the nearby peace memorial museum, citizens and civic groups demanded the city include an "aggressor's corner" to exhibit Japan's aggressive role in the war. City officials refused.

The anniversaries of the atomic bombings are observed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and each year the names of those who have died in the past year due to continuing effects of radiation or other A-bomb injuries are added to the list of those mourned. Japan officially abhors nuclear arms, and there are numerous anti-nuclear groups in the country.

Kase said he will tell members of the 509th that the use of the atom bomb on Japan helped prevent a Third World war.

"It was this power that has prevented it. Peace through strength," he said.

Sweeney, now 70, agrees. "As a military man, I think... maybe we stopped some World Wars," he said from his home in Milton, Massachusetts.

The 509th, with Tibbets in command, was formed in September 1944 specifically to drop the "gadget" being developed at Los Alamos, New Mexico. The unit consisted of 15 modified B-29s, 230 officers and 1,500 enlisted men.

"We never questioned what we were doing or why... We were dedicated to Tibbets," said Marquardt, 71.

Tibbets, Sweeney and Marquardt repeatedly have said they feel neither remorse nor regret.

"If I ever approach that feeling, I start thinking about the rape of Nanking, and the duplicity of them lying to our president while they were bombing Pearl Harbour," Sweeney said. "I think of all my classmates who were killed."

Marquardt, Sweeney and other veterans of the 509th returned to Hiroshima last November to film a British Broadcasting Corp. documentary. They were introduced to a Japanese doctor, the son of a physician who witnessed the devastation of the bombing.

Jiang makes rare trip to Tibet, rails against separatists, anti-Chinese moves

BEIJING, July 30, (UPI): China's Communist Party chief made a rare trip to Tibet, where he drove home Beijing's hard-line pledge to crush any separatist or anti-Chinese moves in the ostensibly autonomous mountain region, it was reported today.

The official Xinhua News Agency said party general secretary Jiang Zemin travelled to the remote Chinese-ruled region July 20 but did not explain the 10-day delay in reporting it. The visit also was reported on central television and in the official press.

The last visit by a Communist Party general secretary was the May 1980 tour made by reform-minded Chief Hu Yaobang, who irked party hardliners by recommending government concessions allowing Tibet to reject any central policies "not suited to Tibetan conditions."

Jiang brought no such message of conciliation, instead ordering local communist officials and government soldiers to step up their vigilance against anti-Chinese movements in what is officially called the Tibet autonomous region.

"(Jiang) stressed that it is imperative to take

resolute measures to crack down on the activities of splittists at home and abroad creating disturbances and violating social order," Xinhua said.

"Splittists" is the Chinese government term for separatists.

Separatists "abroad" presumably include Tibetan Buddhism's exiled god-king, the Dalai Lama, who has led an anti-Chinese movement of Tibetans from the Indian Himalayas since a failed uprising in 1959.

Anti-Chinese sentiment has simmered in Tibet

since Chinese troops seized the Himalayan realm in 1950. Two years of mounting riots prompted Beijing to impose martial law in Tibet in March 1989. Although the decree was lifted May 1, the government has issued tough new restrictions on political expression.

Jiang also restated Beijing's hard-line ideological stance, which pays lip service to the religious beliefs of Tibetan Buddhists and other ethnic minorities in China while demanding their unwavering allegiance to socialism from childhood through "moral" education.

Protest over rape of nuns

Christian schools and colleges closed in Kerala

NEW DELHI, July 30, (Reuters): Christians, long among the most peaceful of India's religious groups, have risen in anger over the rape of two nuns in a northern convent.

The July 13 rapes have provoked protests from both Catholic and Protestant leaders.

Political analysts said today this was the first issue to arouse the Christian community since its anger in 1979 over an abortive attempt to pass a law preventing religious conversions.

They said the anger was partially over fears of rising fundamentalism

among India's Hindu majority and the crucial support provided by the right-wing Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party for Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh's minority government.

India, frequently convulsed by religious conflict, has some 650 million Hindus among a population of 810 million, with 23 million Christians.

"It is also frustration that a community known for running India's best schools, colleges and hospitals are trampled upon because they don't advocate violence as a means to solving their problems," said a

LTTE rebels warn students

COLOMBO, July 30, (Kma):

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) guerrillas in Sri Lanka have warned the 23,000 candidates in the north and the east of the island, who are scheduled to sit the general certificate of education (advanced level) examination, to commence on August 10, they would be treated as traitors if they sit the examination, according to political sources based in the northern and the eastern provinces.

While 16,000 students have applied to sit the examination in the northern province, 7,000 have applied in the eastern province.

Schools in these provinces have remained closed since June 11, due to LTTE activities and most of the schools in these areas have been occupied by the LTTE fighters.

According to the commissioner of examinations, Arthur Vedanulla, admission cards have been despatched to Kalmunai, Ampara and Trincomalee districts in the eastern province.

"We are exploring the possibility of sending admission cards to students in Jaffna, Mannar, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi and Vavuniya in the northern province and Batticaloa district in the eastern province," Vedanulla said, adding that "we may even try to have special centres set up in Colombo and Ploomarwa in the central province to enable students who wish to sit for the examination."

Meanwhile, there were several movements in the northern province yesterday, security reports reaching the Joint Operations Command (JOC) and Colombo said today.

Over 1,000 soldiers were air-lifted to Palaly in the northern province and Amuradapura in the central province.

A Sri Lanka Muslim politician today appealed to all Lankan Muslims to avoid falling into a trap allegedly being laid by Tamil Tiger rebels, to create a communal clash between Muslims and Tamils in northeastern Sri Lanka, where rebels continue to wage a bitter war against Lankan forces.

The Muslims must not fall into the trap of the Tigers as they are trying to turn world opinion by creating a communal clash between the Muslims and the Tamils," said Watta Farook, treasurer for Sri Lanka Muslim Congress, in a press statement.

The Indian High Commission in Sri Lanka today made an appeal to the Ministry of Defence to help them find or locate five Indian sculptors who had come to Batticaloa three months ago to work in a Kovil stand in temple.



Dhaka doctors strike

A man washes his ill brother's head at the pre-operation ward of the Dhaka Medical College Hospital July 30 during a doctor's strike that has entered its third and final day. At least 19 patients have died during the strike and hundreds have gone untreated. The strike was in protest of a new government health policy. (Reuters wirephoto)

Seoul calls for contact on visitor exchanges

SEOUL, July 30, (UPI): South Korea told North Korea today that the two sides should get together early next week to realise free cross-border trips between the South and the North marking the 45th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japanese colonial rule.

The government sent a telephone message to North Korean Prime Minister Yon Hyong-Muk and deplored that a meeting it proposed for today to implement President Roh Tae-Woo's offer for "grand inter-Korean exchanges of people" in August failed to materialize.

"Exchanges of visits between the South and the North are the best means to convert a relationship of separation and confrontation into one of reconciliation and co-operation..." said the message in the name of Prime Minister Kang Young-Hoon.

President Roh in a declaration on July 20 said South Korea will open the true village of Panmunjom 35 miles (56 km) north of Seoul for five days starting on

Aug 13 and allow free cross-border travel to mark the national liberation day on Aug 15.

"I want to stress that your side must make a sincere reply by tomorrow next week by when the minimum preparatory measures must be arranged to enable the grand exchanges to start."

North Korea has rejected Roh's offer saying that it was an attempt to obstruct a "pan-national rally" it has been pushing with dissidents in the south.

The National Democratic Alliance, a Seoul-based dissident group, held a preparatory meeting for the planned rally last Friday. Five North Koreans accompanied by a 10-member press corps tried to attend the meeting but a procedural dispute blocked them from coming.

The North Koreans insisted that they will follow the guidance of their host during the visit but the Seoul government rejected the demand saying it is the responsibility of the government, not the dissident group, to protect their safety.

leader of the ruling National Front alliance.

Sikh separatist violence in Punjab and Muslim militancy in Kashmir are the two major challenges facing the National Front government, which came to power in last November's general election.

"We are taken advantage of since we are not violent," Father John D'Cunha, administrator of the Catholic Bishops Conference of India, told Reuters in New Delhi.

D'Cunha said the rape of the two Franciscan nuns in Gajraula town in Uttar Pradesh state had forced the community to register its disapproval.

Schools and colleges run by Christians were closed today in the southern state of Kerala in a day of protest.

D'Cunha said Christians would close schools and colleges in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh on Wednesday and march to the residences of President Ramaswamy Venkataraman and the prime minister to hand over memorandums demanding swift action.

"The government (of Uttar Pradesh) is shielding the guilty... We are being persecuted," D'Cunha said.

Christians and feminist groups were outraged when Sukhda Mishra, a female cabinet minister in the state government who had been sent to investigate the crime, rejected the nuns' statements that they had been raped.

The furore brought the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Mulayam Singh Yadav, to Gajraula two weeks later.

He quickly accepted the nuns' version and announced the transfer of the police officer who investigated the crime and the government doctor who told Mishra there had been no rape.

3 killed in Pakistan gunfight

LAHORE, July 30, (Reuters): Gunfights between rival Muslim sects killed three people and injured more than 30 in two days in Pakistan's populous Punjab province, police said today.

Authorities imposed a day-long curfew on the central Punjab town of Jhang today after 24 people were injured in a clash yesterday between Sunnis and Shi'ites.

Tension has mounted between the two sects in the past few days amid a 10-day traditional Shi'ite mourning period commemorating the death 14 centuries ago of Hussain, grandson of the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH).

Two Shi'ites were killed by Sunnis last night at Taunsa Sharif in southwestern Punjab, police said. One person was killed in a gunfight at Muzaffargarh, in the south of the province.

At Jhang, gunmen fired from rooftops and threw explosives at a Shi'ite mourning procession yesterday, a government statement said. Police escorting the procession returned the fire. Twenty policemen and four civilians were injured, it said.

Despite the curfew, authorities allowed a Shi'ite procession to march along a 2.5-km (1.5-mile) route in Jhang today under the protection of police and troops without incident, Jhang district magistrate Mohammad Athar Tahir said.

Authorities have alerted security forces to ward off sectarian clashes.

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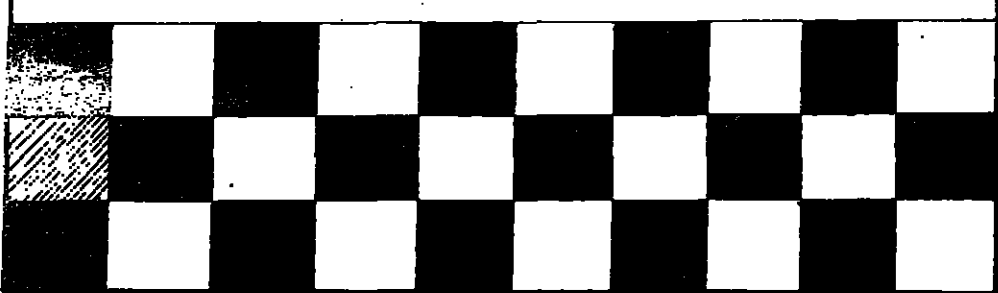
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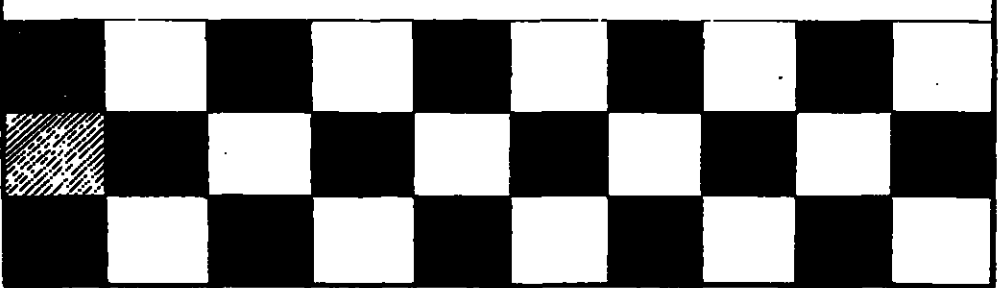
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Preparations begun for new school year

Five new schools in Ahmadi

ADVANCE preparations have begun to meet requirements of the new school year — 1990/91 which will enable the ministry to obviate negative aspects.

Speaking to a local daily, the director of private education Abdullah Muhanna said that the department is closely follow-

ing up the activities of private institutes through several field visits. It is also renewing licences of private schools which have expired recently.

Efforts

In a related development, the director of

Ahmadi Educational Area, Abdullah Al Loqman was quoted as saying that the new school year will witness the opening of five new schools and authorities are making every effort to ensure that these schools receive all their educational supplies.

All preparations are being co-ordinated

by special committees specially formed to undertake these tasks. Maintenance works and renovations of the schools in the area are also being implemented. The relevant budget to be allocated for teachers, principals and assistant principals is also being reviewed, the official said.



Currency trading fever

Foreign currency trading operation rooms at local banks are characterised by traders always on high alert surrounded invariably with loud-ringing telephones and TV computer monitors.

One of the operators said that the rates of currencies constantly fluctuate, due to political and economic developments in the world. She said that her job required her to follow up all such developments on the political-economic map in order to help her make careful projections of what is likely to affect the rates of currencies.

Amjad Al Zamel, said it is hard to guarantee the validity of projections which are based on conjectures, as the factors affecting currency rates are hard to predict.

She said that the projections made in the seventies, for instance, were more precise than those made now, as the currency rates were not so affected by political statements, but were mainly responsive to economic indicators which were the major factors influencing currency rates.

Hand Al Jandal, said that work in the operation room is full of life and suspense, and that it is characterised by lack of monotony, and that this work required agility and cautiousness in concluding purchase or selling transactions.



Hand Al Ghanim, said that work in the traders operations room keeps him fully informed of the developments in the international arena. Therefore, he devoted a lot of time to the introduction to the conclusion.

He added that projections are made through continued follow-up and analysis of events, as they happen on the international and domestic levels. Losses are commented on at times be the result of erroneous analysis, or the end-product of the assessment of an international political figure, or sudden reshuffle in a certain government, or an unexpected swing in the international economic situation or others.

She pointed out that in Kuwait, traders face certain difficulties in obtaining needed information, as trading in the Kuwaiti markets starts at a time when international markets are starting to close down and ends before American markets start to come to life.

Liala Al Mudaf and Mahra Mutwally, said that there is a breeze job, which among other things requires them to deliberate with the person in charge before making any decision. Every trader is entitled to operate in the market with a set amount of money. Pictures show traders hard at work.

Tipping becomes an accepted norm here

THOUGH the practice of tipping for services rendered has become an accepted norm in Western countries, till recently in Kuwait it was considered to be an exception. However, this situation seems to have changed in the very recent past and customers now believe that it is imperative to tip if they expect good service.

A local daily conducted an opinion poll to determine the views of a cross-section of society.

Hamed Badawi, a labourer at one of the car wash stations said that he receives KD 90 salary every month and as his salary cannot cover living costs, he has to augment it with tips. He said that the amount of tips he receives monthly depends to a large extent on the season and various other festive occasions.

Judgement

However, on an average he said that he received tips between KD 60 to KD 70 every month. He indicated that most customers who own expensive vehicles pay more by way of tips than those who own older vehicles. He added that he does not discriminate between a customer, but does put more effort on a vehicle whose customer tips. He commented that he has developed a good sense of judgement towards customers who tip and those who do not.

Generally, speaking he said that men customers tend to tip more than females. However, he said that quite often a customer asks for good services promising a good tip, but leaves without paying any.

Marwan Al Hareel another car wash labourer said that he has been working in the same job for nine years and that tips are important to him because a salary alone cannot cover living expenses. He pointed out that without tips he would not stay another minute in the same job adding that those who pay more receive better service and care than those who don't pay.

Ideal

At the time being, he doesn't consider taking up another job because working at a car wash is the ideal place for tips. For each vehicle he washes he gets between 250 and 750 fils and some customers pay KD 1. The highest tip he ever received while working at the same car wash station was KD 10 during one of the Eids, he said.

Used car decision to be re-evaluated

THE decision of the Council of Ministers to prohibit the import of cars that are over two-years-old will be re-evaluated in light of complaints by both individuals and merchants.

Speaking on the issue, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Naser Al Roudhan explained that individuals on an average import on a totalised basis 100 cars for their own use and not for trade. Consequently, this figure does not affect the local market.

Meanwhile, the official commenting on the results of meetings of the GCC-EEC committee said that negotiation schedules between GCC states and the European Economic Community are being advanced due to the collective stand of the GCC states. This has least political support to the GCC states, he said.

In a related development, reliable sources said that negotiations between GCC and EEC are ongoing and commented that some officials of the EEC said that Gulf states should unify customs duties on European exports.

Sources said that Gulf officials believe the problem can be solved by agreeing to suspend customs duties on European exports during the period of negotiations. However, the sources said that the Gulf officials believe that the most serious problem is the European "lobby" related to the European petrochemical industry that rejects any agreement of free commerce with the GCC states.

The EEC imported from GCC member states about 8.621 million Euro-monetary units in 1988 and 12.828 million units were exported to GCC states during the same period, sources said.

Abdullah Ali Al Jourani, a customer said that he is against tipping unless for specific humane situations. He added that in general the tips phenomenon has become very common in society and that it would be hard not to pay a tip particularly when a labourer deliberately embarrasses you in front of everybody.

He added that the amount of tips vary from one place to another. He pays 250 fils at car wash station and the same tip at the vegetable and fruit markets and co-operative societies. He indicated that the situation is different at hotels and large restaurants.

He stated that in order to get good services, a customer should at least give a sign to the labourer concerned prior to performing such service. He added that he had to avoid going to several places due to the way some labourers treat a customer for a tip. He stated that some of them act in a very pushy manner and harass customers.

Bribes

Jourani considers tips as bribes which customers are forced to pay to ensure better service. He pointed out that tipping is a strange phenomenon in Kuwaiti society and called on officials to end the habit.

Ahmad Abdullah, another customer said that he only pays tips to elderly labourers as a humane act. He feels that older labourers cannot take work pressure like the young ones. On an average he pays KD 1-2 depending on the type of services.

He was more willing to tip a labourer who doesn't request it before performing his work.

Support

Mohammed Al Mesbah does not pay any tips at all. He considers tips as bribes adding that a labourer should not demand a tip as long as he is getting a salary for his job.

Fatema Jassem Al Ajmi said that some labourers deserve tips, particularly expatriates who come from poor countries and receive low salaries in addition to being old. She expressed support for the tips phenomenon adding that she considers tips to be a kindly gesture to the needy. She pointed out, however, that labourers should not get accustomed to receiving tips from customers and should concentrate more on doing their jobs honestly.

Committee to regulate use of chemicals

THE Minister of Health, Dr Abdul Wahab Al Fawzan has formed a co-ordinating committee to regulate the use of chemical substances, under the chairmanship of the secretary of the Environmental Protection Council Ibrahim Mohammad Hadi.

The committee consists of representatives from the ministries of interior, oil, health, communications, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, Kuwait Fire Department, Kuwait Municipality and others.

The committee will lay down import regulations for chemicals, establish packaging and destruction constraints of expired items or chemical wastes.

Agricultural authority

Substantial aid to livestock farmers

THE deputy director-general for animal resources at the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Dr Sultan Ahmad Sultan has said that the authority is offering substantial aid to farmers through direct and indirect support of the poultry sector, in the amount of KD 250 annually for the purchase of medical supplies, and vaccines.

He told a local daily that the authority's indirect aid to farmers is in the form of education and publication of educational posters, as well as diagnostic, treatment and prevention services to farms and poultry enterprises.

He said that a great deal of progress has been made on the cattle and sheep raising project in Kabad, and the Wafrha sheep and camel rearing project, and all needed utilities for these projects are provided through public tenders.

He pointed out that there is a number of local environmental studies being conducted by the department within the framework of the Genetic Improvement Project which seeks to acclimatise animals to the weather conditions in Kuwait and step up their productivity of meat and dairy products, and at the same time help produce new flocks of high performance and ability to live through the local environmental variables.

He said that the mad cow disease currently rampant in Europe has not come to Kuwait, and no cases have been reported as the country's exits are under tight control and provided with fully-equipped quarantines.

He said that the authority paid KD 2,738,000 to support cow-raising farmers and provided them with needed vet and prevention services through making available medications and compensating for sustained losses.

Afforestation
 Meanwhile, Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources has confirmed that the mid- and long-term greenery and afforestation plan is to be based on comprehensive support provisions as well as a general framework to direct the plan's projects in order to keep in line

with the state's plan.

In its annual report, the authority confirmed the importance of bridging the gap under the afforestation scheme during the mid-term plan which covers the period from 1990-1995 and the long-term plan which will begin in 1995 and would last up to 2005 AD.

The report added that the expansion of the plan's scope will include developing afforestation activities which could be implemented annually. The report said that the mid- and long-term plan will provide two integrated frameworks through preparing a time schedule for afforestation and greenery, and the allocation of the necessary budget required for the implementation of the plan. In general, the report said that the plan will produce a strategy for the activities to be implemented during the period from 1990 up to 2005 AD.

It added that the specific objectives of the plan could be represented by the enhancing of the greenery activities, the evaluation of water sources, review of soil survey, defining technical requirements and the setting up of the necessary policies and procedures for public contribution in the afforestation and greenery plan.

Scheme
 On the other hand, the report said that the plan will set up a comprehensive scheme for Kuwait City in addition to studying the need for desert resorts and building recreational facilities. Meanwhile, the plan will follow up the progress which had been made towards the enacting of the necessary legislations and laws which may govern agricultural activities.

Apart from the above, the plan also includes the adoption of an information campaign aiming at urging the different sectors in the country to support the authority's greenery and afforestation efforts.

The authority will organise training courses which aim to prepare national cadres to contribute to such a plan. The courses will be organised in co-operation with Kuwait University and the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, the report said.

Niqab ladies appeal

A NUMBER of women who wear 'niqab' (face covering) have appealed to the Ministry of the Interior to respond to their proposals in relation to the traffic law.

They suggested that they be permitted to affix a special sign on their cars to indicate that drivers are allowed to wear niqab in the same manner that signs are affixed on cars of the deaf.

They said that they are compelled to wear the face covering due to religious and social values that prevent them from showing their faces to men. Consequently, they said that they are cited for their social circumstances as many of them are in need of a car due to transportation problems in Kuwait.

قانون المرور

Rumeithiya cleanliness needs attention: mayor

Complaint against contractor

KUWAIT MUNICIPALITY needs to focus attention to the needs of Rumeithiya, given the poor cleanliness services extended in the area, Mohammed Al Bannouh was quoted by a local daily as saying.

He said that the tender for cleanliness services was awarded to the lowest bidder who was unqualified to undertake the work and the number of workers required was far below than as stipulated in the contract.

Explaining the weakness of the contractor, the official said that the same contractor is involved in undertaking cleaning contracts at six areas including Salwa, Maidan Hawally, Al Salmiya, Bayan and Mishref.

Garbage remains uncollected for two days resulting in foul odour.

The official recommended that the contractor provide a garbage container for each house in the area with the house number clearly indicated on each container. In this respect, he said that fines

should be imposed on families who do not make use of the cleanliness facilities and violate the law.

He also criticised those who leave their scrap cars in public places. The spread of "scores of scrapped cars" all over Kuwait is unenviable, he said.

Meanwhile, the daily interviewed the controller of Kuwait Municipality at the second area who confirmed that the cleaning contract in the area will be awarded to another contractor as of October, 1990.

Ali Al Houli, the controller said that the old contract had expired. He said that citizens will witness positive developments in the sphere of cleaning due to the new stipulations of the tender.

He pointed out that three cleaning companies have been contracted with to undertake these services at Rumeithiya, Salwa, Mishref, Bayan, Maidan Hawally and Salmiya areas. The official called upon citizens to place their garbage in bins at specific times.

Kuwait

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He denied that Kuwait was extracting oil beyond its territory, and stressed: "Kuwait produces only from its territory, and if there is any misunderstanding, this should be resolved through the formation of a joint panel to discuss the issue."

Asked as to whether Kuwait had made a "big compromise," the minister maintained, "there is no doubt... by Kuwait not asking for an increase in quota, it made a compromise. Other states made compromises also," he added.

Responding to a question on whether he had new plans as he was just newly appointed, Al Ameri indicated that as yet, not enough time had gone by since his appointment to allow for a thorough evaluation.

Commenting on price tendencies in the future, the Kuwaiti oil minister said that it was difficult to foresee just yet how price will behave, but he hoped, if quotas were respected, that oil prices would increase and reach the reference price of \$21.

The National Council's External Relations Committee held a meeting here today in presence of Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad and the council's acting Speaker Rashid Al Adad.

The meeting was called for by Sheikh Sabah who briefed the committee on the latest developments regarding the situation between Kuwait and Iraq.

The United States Ambassador in Syria, Edward Djerejian hoped that Kuwait and Iraq would reach a peaceful settlement of their dispute.

Addressing a press conference the American envoy repeated US commitment to protect its vital interests in the Arabian Gulf and said Washington strives for a peaceful end to current tension in the Gulf.

Urging all concerned parties and the Gulf states to take necessary measures to maintain peace in the region, Djerejian praised Arab diplomatic efforts as positive and hoped a peaceful settlement acceptable to both sides will be achieved.

Arab League chief Chadi Klibi has said the reconciliation talks in Jeddah tomorrow between Kuwait and Iraq herald a good start for negotiations between the two sides and have been the fruit of a concerted Arab mediation effort.

Klibi, talking to Kuna in Cairo last night as he arrived to take part in the meeting of the Islamic countries' foreign ministers which opens tomorrow, added that both Iraq and Kuwait had demonstrated keen interest in solving the crisis under the Arab League umbrella.

The League's chief paid tribute to King Fahd Bin Abdul-Aziz of Saudi Arabia and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak for their diplomatic efforts that made the Jeddah talks possible.

Klibi said the League did its own share of mediation and he expressed belief that both Kuwait and Iraq have confidence in the pan-Arab body.

He also pointed out that Kuwait had acted promptly to deter the crisis with Iraq and he cited lightning trips to five Arab Gulf countries by Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah who briefed the region's leaders on the dispute with Iraq.

A diplomatic source at the Egyptian Foreign Ministry has reiterated Egypt is confident that Kuwait and Iraq would adhere to Arab solidarity and Arab principles "as that was the only guarantee for the success of their scheduled meeting in Jeddah tomorrow."

The official expressed his country's hope that the meeting between Sheikh Sabah and the Iraqi Vice-President Izzat Ibrahim would contribute to reaching a satisfactory settlement of differences existing between the two brotherly countries.

In a statement to Kuna, the official denied Egypt was aware of the meeting agenda and affirmed that his country is still playing a mediating role between Iraq and Kuwait in order to resolve the dispute. The mediation efforts that were begun by President Mubarak resulted in cessation of media campaigns.

On Egypt's role in solving the dispute between the United Arab Emirates and Iraq, the Egyptian official said that the UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan will be holding talks with President Mubarak on this issue during his official visit to Cairo that begins tomorrow.

Weather

TEMPERATURE will be around normal with moderate northwesterly wind freshen at times.

State of sea: Slight to moderate

High water: 5.22 am, 7.23 pm

Low water: 1.15 pm, 12.00 noon

Sunrise: 5.07 am

Sunset: 6.41 pm

Maximum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 45°C (113°F)

Ahmedi: 42°C (108°F)

Falaka: 44°C (111°F)

Maximum temperature expected:

Kuwait: 46°C (115°F)

Ahmedi: 43°C (109°F)

Falaka: 44°C (111°F)

Minimum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 31°C (88°F)

Ahmedi: 35°C (95°F)

Falaka: 35°C (95°F)

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 13 per cent

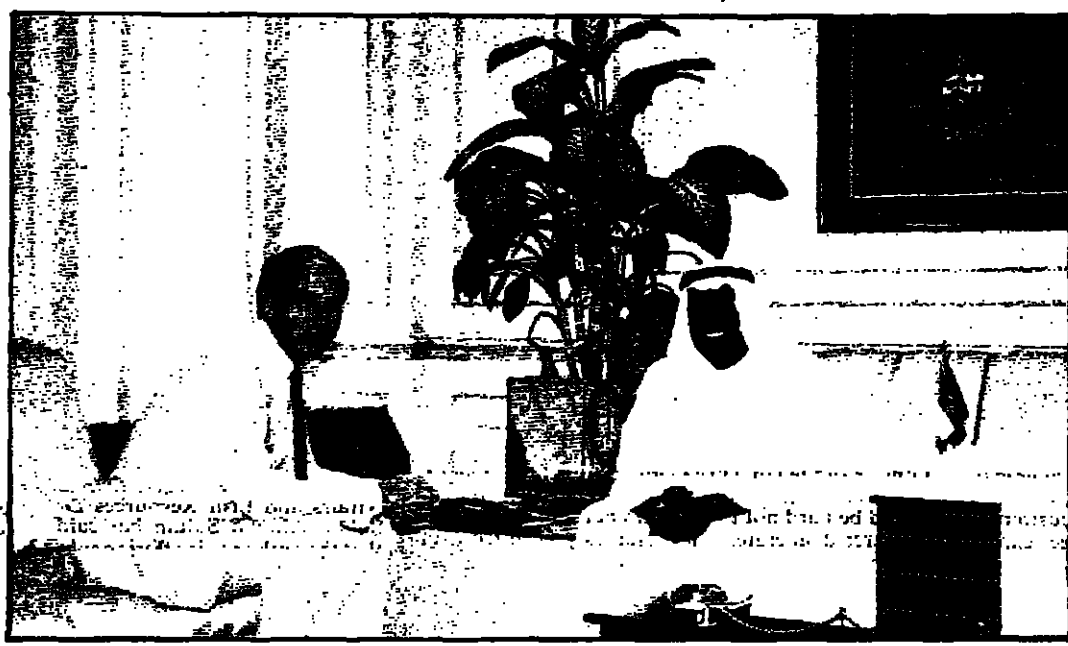
Ahmedi: 42 per cent

Falaka: 30 per cent



Ghunaim receives envoys

The Education Minister Dr Abdullah Youssef Al Ghunaim received in his office recently Ambassadors of Bahrain, Essa Al Jamea, UAE, Ubaid Al Zuabi, Qatar, Ahmed Al Rumaihi and the UK, Michael Weston. They discussed educational and cultural co-operation between Kuwait and their countries. Pictures above and below show the minister with the envoys.



From the courts

Two get 10 years RI for kidnap and assault

THE Criminal Court sentenced two persons to ten years rigorous imprisonment on charges of kidnapping and assaulting a boy. The court heard that one of the defendants was a friend of the boy and offered to take him in his car with another friend to spend time in the house of an Arab family. The boy agreed to go with them. But the defendant entered a dark place in the desert near the airport and tried to assault him. The boy resisted so he was beaten on the shoulder and eye with a sharp instrument.

The defendants then assaulted him and threatened to dishonour him among his friends if he notified the police. The CID officer testified that he faced the defendants with the charge and they confessed. The officer referred the boy to the hospital for injuries sustained. He also testified that the boy's shirt was torn when he resisted.

Sentencing withheld for selling stolen goods: The Court of First Instance refrained from passing sentence on a man accused of stealing and selling electrical fuses belonging to the Ministry of Electricity and Water.

The court was told that a CID officer was told that the defendant was selling these fuses and sent a decoy with marked KD10 to effect purchase. During the transactions, the accused was apprehended.

However, the court in its deliberations took into consideration the accused's statement that he had purchased these from another individual who he was unable to locate and the fact that the goods were of insignificant monetary value and that the accused had no previous criminal record.

Four acquitted of causing death: The Court of First Instance acquitted four workers on charges of causing the accidental death of their colleague at a sulphur factory by not abiding by safety regulations.

The defendants and the victim were working without donning oxygen masks while working with poisonous gases. The victim, however, lost consciousness and fell from a height which caused instant death.

The defendants claimed that they too had lost consciousness and were unaware of their colleague's mishap.

Drugs successfully apprehended: Customs inspectors successfully apprehended a total of 27 pieces of hashish and marijuana, three bags of assorted narcotics, a piece of opium, 14 pieces of heroin, 129,371 narcotic tablets, 18,138 bottles of alcohol, some ammunition and arrested 23 infiltrators.

Giving these figures, director of the Censorship and Inspection Department at the General Customs Department, Abdul Rahman Mohammed Al Fares said that customs officers are vigilant and have acquitted sophisticated expertise in the detection of contraband. A total of 14 custom violations were

issued by the department during the current year, the official said.

Narcotics trader caught: CID men at Hawalli Governorate arrested a Jordanian national Riyadh M. on the charge of trading in narcotic pills. He was caught red handed and referred to investigation authorities.

On the other hand, the coast guards arrested 18 Iranian infiltrators during their attempt to enter into the country illegally using two boats. They were referred to the investigation authorities.

Joy-ride cars: Several people in the Kheitan Area have reported to the local police station that their cars were stolen from their respective parkings in front of their houses. A Yemeni national who also reported his car as stolen, later found it abandoned some distance from his house.

Police have indicated that it is youths who take these cars for joy-rides and said that investigations are under progress.

Pharmacist arrested for selling narcotics: Detectives of the Criminal Investigation Department arrested a pharmacist working in a private pharmacy in Hawalli for selling Artran pills which are classified as narcotic pills.

These pills are sold only on prescriptions stamped by the Health Ministry at a price of KD1.600 for 100 pills. However, the accused sold them without prescriptions for KD40.

Man acquitted for escaping imprisonment: The Criminal Court acquitted one M. from the charge of escaping out of the country after being sentenced in a crime to three years imprisonment. The defendant was brought before the court with a passport employee at Abdali border centre who was accused of helping the defendant to escape out of the country. The defendant denied the charge against him and claimed he left the country but did not know the sentence against him that was issued on charge of issuing a dud cheque. He added he returned home only after four days of leaving country.

8 arrested for possession of narcotics: CID men at Capital Governorate arrested five Pakistani nationals: Mohammed S., Erfan S., Sayed M., Mohammed A., and Minawer H., and three Bangladeshi nationals Shahida B., Sheikh A., and Abdul Mannan A. for possessing and taking narcotics. The first defendant was caught by CID men with 52 pieces of hashish in his car. He confessed he got the hashish from Sheikh who also confessed he got the contraband from Abdul Mannan. Other defendants were arrested along with the first defendant. All have been referred to the investigation authorities.

Kuwaiti oil policy stable: Ameer

KUWAIT Oil Minister Dr Rashed Salem Al Ameri has described Kuwait's oil policy as stable, and that it never changes in response to cabinet reshuffles, as it is part and parcel of the national policy of the country.

He called in a statement to the London-based Al Majallah magazine, for its July 31 edition, for the formation of a technical apparatus within Opec to be entrusted with the follow-up of programmes on the development of substitute energy resources, and related technologies.

He said that the policy line pursued by the government of Kuwait over the past 12 years has been successful and resulted in many accomplishments at the local and external levels.

He stressed the need for evaluating previous investment attempts in order to determine the direction to be followed to guarantee and serve the best interest of Kuwait.

He said that the attempt to purchase new oil refineries, and fuel distribution stations in West Europe has been one of the successful projects undertaken by the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, which was studied and implemented under directives from Sheikh Khalifa, which has given Kuwait greater flexibility and better chances to supply consumers with oil from the field directly.

Marketing

He said that to transfer this attempt to some countries in Asia is still under study and discussion, and that no final decision has been taken in this respect yet, as the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's marketing team and the International Oil Company are still jointly preparing extensive studies on marketing to Asian markets and potential capacity as well as the type and volume of market requirements.

As a result of Kuwait's commitment to its oil production quota, Kuwait might be obliged to buy oil from abroad in as much as needed for its Europe refineries, Ameri said.

He pointed out that this happened on a number of occasions and Kuwait actually purchased oil from Egypt, Algeria and Nigeria.

He expressed belief that the current role of Opec needs further expansion and that a special team must be set up to follow up studies on finding substitute energy resources and related programmes.

Similar teams must be formed with economic and scientific tasks, in order to study the alternatives rivaling with oil production cost and versatility.

Arab food and water security discussed

AMMAN, July 30, (Kuna): Chairman of the Kuwaiti Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij met here last night with Jordanian Viceroy Prince Hassan Bin Talal.

Sheikh Ibrahim said that during the meeting, which was attended by Jordanian Agriculture Minister Dr Sleiman Araib, development projects in the Arab world in general and bilateral co-operation in particular were discussed.

He noted that discussion centred on Arab food and water security.

Sheikh Ibrahim affirmed that the Arab world suffers from water shortage, noting that a comprehensive strategy should be drawn up to solve the water crisis.

Regarding bilateral co-operation between Kuwait and Jordan, the Kuwaiti official said there is an agricultural co-operation protocol between the two countries that was concluded in 1988.

Kuwait sees 25 fires in 2 weeks

23 rescue operations

KUWAIT Fire Department has prepared a report on 25 fire outbreaks that were dealt with over the past two weeks. These fires were reported to have been caused either by electrical sparks, gas leaks from the domestic cylinders, sparks emitted by the incense burners, sparks from oxygen welders, electrical short-circuits or power overload.

The report said that 11 cases were dealt with involving fires in chalets, wooden barracks, used as private residence, stores or kitchen, and the reasons include oil spills on the cooker, carelessly thrown cigarette ends and children playing with inflammable material.

The report also mentioned two cases in which fires broke out in two sea boats caused by electrical short-circuit, and another involved a fire outbreak in a tent caused by children playing with matches. Fires breaking out in automobiles numbered 22, caused by electrical short-circuits or petrol leaks.

The report said that the rescue operations included 23 cases, nine of which involved the rescue of people trapped in lifts for reasons of overweight, four cases of rescue of people trapped inside cars involved in road accidents, four cases of cars stuck in sand in remote areas, three cases of children trapped inside closed rooms with lost keys, and one involving a maid with her finger stuck inside a water cooler pipe.

The report put the number of rescued people at 36, 24 of them injured, eight sustained by firemen, 32 people rescued safe and sound and four deaths. Two were due to road accidents and one in a fire outbreak.

Traffic accidents

Despite efforts exerted by the General Traffic Department (GTD) media and public charity societies, traffic accidents in Kuwait are extremely high.

An official source said that the government spent KDS million to combat the issue which caused an estimated loss of KD1,250

million from 1979 to 1988. During the period, a total of 22,384 accidents were reported which resulted in 21,232 injuries and 4,327 deaths.

The official added that comprehensive efforts are exerted by the GTD, information and health ministries in addition to various media facilities. Efforts are also exerted by the Road Safety Society which was established early 1980s aimed at upgrading traffic awareness.

The source added that the role currently played by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences in combatting traffic accidents is to be commended. The foundation has presented a film which deals with the issue in a more comprehensive manner with the co-operation of the ministries of interior, education and public works which oversaw the engineering aspects of the film. The film entitled "Street Wars" can be viewed both in English and Arabic, the source said.

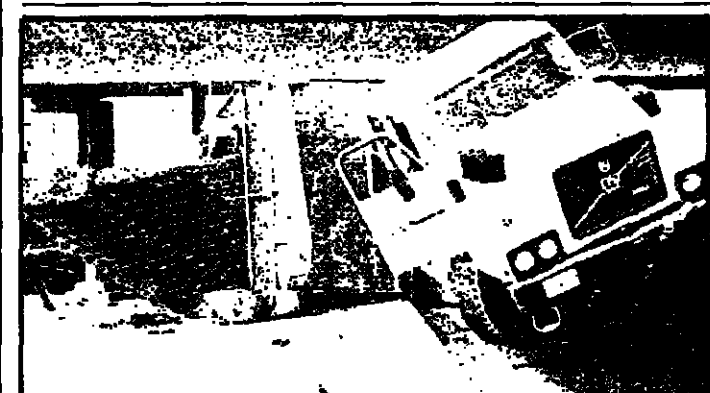
Communications complaints

THE director of the Citizen's Office at the Ministry of Communications Saleh Mubarak Al Naiees has said that of the frequent complaints that are lodged by people with the office are those dealing with subscribers who are provided with direct overseas dialling system, but are surprised to bills for overseas calls.

He told Al Muwasalat magazine that these complaints also protest mistakes in the statement of account and that this results in overcharging subscribers for a number of minutes he did not use, such as 100 for 10.

He said that some transactions are not very carefully checked and that this invariably happens when the subscriber first applies to get a telephone line. A mistake is made in the completion of personal data of the subscriber which later results in a series of other mistakes.

Naiees added that other complaints involved unannounced disconnection of service, and this at times happen when the telephone central technician calls the subscriber to notify him of the measures to be taken and the one call is received by someone other than the subscriber, his maid or child, and the response is acted upon.



Truck turns over

A truck carrying a heavy load of re-inforced steel turned over when it tried to turn left at the cross road of Ghazali Ilyover and Canada Dry Street on Sunday at 4 pm. The truck lay on its right side and damaged a lamp post. No one was injured and the driver escaped unhurt.

Seeking treatment abroad now a habit: Fouzan

Committee to speed up approvals

By Diana Abou Haidar
Arab Times staff

SEEKING treatment abroad is a matter of habit for some Kuwaitis who also seem to fall sick during the summer months in hope of doubling their treatment trip as a vacation, said Minister of Public Health, Dr Abdul Wahab Al Fouzan.

Commenting to Arab Times on his recent decision to form a committee for organising the service of treatment abroad, he said: "It is regrettable that some patients insist on being sent for treatment abroad in spite of assurances from specialised doctors and panels that they can be successfully treated in Kuwait."

These patients also insist on travelling during the months of June, July and August. Do people get sick in the summer and stay healthy in the winter?"

Fouzan added that the ministry is always keen on engaging the services of no less than 300 visiting professors from England, Germany, France and the United States to treat difficult cases in different specialisations. "These doctors are among the top in their fields, and if a patient wants to make an



Dr Abdul Wahab Al Fouzan

appointment to see them in their own country, it will take him three or four months."

The minister also said that according to visiting physicians, the standard of medical services in Kuwait is excellent. "A number of neighbouring countries send their patients to be treated in Kuwait. We treat thousands of patients from the Gulf and other Arab countries every year and our physicians are consulted by neighbouring countries."

Asked if the new Supreme Medical Committee aims at reducing the costs of treatment abroad, the minister said that it certainly wasn't. "On the contrary, the committee could

approve more cases to be sent abroad. Its main purpose is simplifying and speeding up the process of studying and approving applications of patients."

"This will afford the minister more time to give to other matters pertaining to developing staff and equipment of the ministry. It will also give the responsibility of decision-making to a number of leading physicians rather than to one person."

The committee is comprised of seven senior Kuwaiti physicians among them Dr Muhammad Al Mishan.

"Before the Supreme Medical Committee was set up, the minister would meet with the concerned committees once a week to look into applications. But such meetings sometimes had to be postponed especially when the minister went on leave or on a mission out of the country. The new committee can meet twice a week now to take care of applications of patients who cannot wait," explained Fouzan.

He added that the committee will also be able to determine the specialisations of visiting doctors needed in Kuwait by studying patients' applications.

Abide by safety conditions: Omer

THE director of the labour department at Hawalli Governorate Adnan Al Omer called on employers and employees to show more co-operation towards abiding by the vocational safety conditions stipulated in the private sector law and related ministerial decisions.

According to findings of a recent research study in this respect, the official said that vocational safety is a scientific method aimed at minimising casualties during work hours.

He added that making optimum use of productive elements by incorporating state-of-the-art safety technology should constitute the basis for reducing losses which occur as a result of work casualties. In this respect, he said that the role of the state calls for reviewing current safety legislations to unify and develop it to keep abreast with the rapid economic, social and industrial developments.

To bring about a comprehensive safety strategy, he called for close co-operation between the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour by setting up an effective system for the implementation of safety and vocational health services.

In this context, he called for setting up of national institute for vocational safety to be provided with the latest technology. He also called on employers to adopt the best means to obviate professional risks and ensure regular maintenance of equipment.

Additionally, he said that workers should be subjected to regular medical tests and also called on employers to provide work sites with first-aid materials. Employers should also be committed to reporting to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour any incidents of work casualties to enable authorities to conduct investigations.

EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

BEHIND every argument is someone's ignorance —
Louis Brandeis, US Supreme Court justice (1856-1941).Children draw
strife images
Occupied territories

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (Reuter): Faceless Israeli soldiers tote rifles. Arab women weep over the dead and a Palestinian flag flutters overhead in a drawing by a six-year-old boy.

These are images drawn by children growing up in the intifada, the 31-month-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"The children always put confrontation in the forefront. Stores, buildings and schools are mere background," said Cairo Arafat, a psychologist who analyses drawings by children in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Values

Suffering has changed their values. Children's idols are now masked stone-throwers, not movie stars or famous athletes.

Their drawings reflect the world as a place where stern Israeli soldiers fire at stone-throwers.

Arafat, who works at the East Jerusalem Early Childhood Resource Centre, provided children's drawings for an Israeli Museum exhibition called "Children's Visions of War and Peace."

More than 200 drawings and paintings by children from strife-torn parts of the world — including Israel — were displayed in the children's wing of the museum. Palestinian children had difficulty imagining a soldier had a family life or a conscience, Arafat said.

"Not knowing the soldiers as people or individuals is what led them to leave them faceless. That's why in drawings the gun is salient, not personal features. The children perceive soldiers as killing machines," she said.

Kids

"When we asked the kids what the soldiers did when they went home, they said they cleaned their rifles. The kids never associated family with them."

Though their drawings are filled with symbols of violence, Palestinian children — like those in South Africa, Lebanon and Cambodia — have grown resilient to the conflict around them.

Arafat said that in the early days of the intifada, children trembled, cried and ran to an adult when they heard gunshots.

"Now kids will be playing and hear shooting but not respond. One kid might prick up her ears and ask if fear-guns will come inside but that's it," she said.

A study of Palestinian children soon to be released also indicated they had high self-esteem and normal aspirations for the future despite living in an atmosphere of violence.

"Maybe two per cent said they wanted to be in armed struggle. Most wanted to be tradesmen, teachers, nurses and doctors," Arafat said. But Raana Nashashibi, another psychologist, said Palestinian children would suffer trauma from the revolt in the long term.

"The intifada has caused a state of perpetual unrest where normal socialising and play are impossible," she said.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, children aged eight to 13 played Israeli and Arab. The little Palestinian activist threw pebbles at soldiers who chased them with sticks, shouting in Arabic and Hebrew. Eyad El Sarraj, a psychiatrist in the Gaza Strip where the uprising erupted in December 1987, said nightmares, bed-wetting and phobia were common in the early days.

A study done shortly after the outbreak showed 28 per cent of Gaza children suffered from a high level of anxiety. Six months later the figure had dropped to 13 per cent, Sarraj said.

At the start, parents tried to keep their children indoors but the momentum of the revolt drew many youngsters into the streets to confront Israeli authority.

"It was then that parents' authority started to erode. The authority of teachers was also affected," Sarraj said.

During school examinations this month, many students stole tests from teachers and cheated or shouted out answers while taking them. Teachers said efforts to stop them were fruitless.

"Before the intifada parents set the example. The children's idols were movie stars. Now their idols are masked activists," said Sarraj.

"Children who probably would never have gone out the door without permission are now calling their parents cowards," he added.

But their participation in the nationalist struggle has sometimes cost them their lives.

B'tslem, an Israeli group that monitors human rights in the occupied territories, said Israeli security forces had killed 157 children in the uprising. Some inadvertently walked into a riot.

Palestinian children who previously had little if any contact with Israelis now regard soldiers and Israelis as one and the same thing.

When a Palestinian journalist took his four-year-old boy to predominantly Jewish West Jerusalem for the first time, he asked: "If they're Israelis, why aren't they carrying guns?"



A Palestinian kid

How will Swedish non-alignment survive without visible means of support? Tony Austin takes a look.

Swedish military faces crisis

Defence structure unreformed since WW II

STOCKHOLM, (Reuter): Swedish neutrality has survived intact since the time of Napoleon. But how will it fare without visible means of support?

Like the cannons of Kalmar Castle on Sweden's east coast, pointing proudly out to sea but undermined by rabbit warrens, the foundations of its defence policy are starting to slip.

"Sweden has continually put off reforming its World War Two defence structure. Now the issue has become a crisis," researcher Wilhelm Agrell said.

Swedes have always been led to believe their neutrality rests on two pillars — compulsory military service and self-reliance in the most important weapons. Now both these items are costing too much for a country of 8.5 million people.

"What would happen if we removed the two pillars? Nobody has ever proved that neutrality depends on them," said Agrell, assistant professor of history at Lund University.

Carl Johan Aberg, chairman of the Parliamentary Defence Committee, said: "We are not thinking about dropping our neutrality. But we need to change what it means in practice."

Defence officials, politicians and researchers agree that an unchanged defence budget of 30 billion crowns (\$5.1 billion) means cutting either arms spending or the length of military service from the present 15 months, or both.

The military threat to Sweden is perceived not so much as an invasion, but that a great power might try to march through on its way to attack Norway or Finland, as happened during World War Two, or set up bases here.

"The aim is to make this such a costly, time-consuming and uncertain enterprise that no great power will make the attempt," a government hand-book says.

Supreme Commander Bengt Gustafsson believes the defence committee's budget proposals next year will be a turning-point.

"The defence industry is in bad shape. Running it down any further could jeopardise our preparedness for war. It is easier to train people in arms than build up a defence industry from scratch," Gustafsson said.

Aberg said: "Unless we allocate more, both the defence organisation and conscription will have to be cut. It is not a question of one or the other."

Sweden cannot expect any immediate benefits from the upheaval within the Warsaw Pact and



Nato military alliances. "While the Soviet military threat on the (European) continent will be drastically curtailed,

the threat to Sweden and Finland will not be affected," Ingemar Dorfer of the Swedish Defence Research Establishment said in a paper.

Letters to the editor

Islamic revival

SIR: The story which appeared in your newspaper on July 25, citing Farooq's handicap of not obtaining hard liquor due to Islamisation since 1977 in Pakistan creates more questions on Islam than answer any.

The extensive usage of notion of fundamentalism and Islamisation process revolving around 80 lashes with an oil-soaked leather whip or cutting of a person's hand for stealing is the most ignorant and detrimental representation of Islam and Islamic civilisation.

There are more accidental deaths by drunken drivers than by drug abusers, therefore, alcoholism is even worst of its kind amongst prevalent substance-abuses as it results into more than 100,000 traffic-related deaths a year in the Western Hemisphere. If Islam prohibits substance-abuse, then it is very much in line with the present scientific findings that alcoholism is a substance-abuse of the worst kind and therefore should not be a cause of derision or criticism of Islam. I doubt that individual liberties are curtailed if Islam prohibits alcoholism. If it does, then all the Western governments can be accused of the same crime as narcotic drug use is also strictly prohibited and offenders are dealt with iron clad laws which results into even capital punishment in some of the Far East Asian countries.

Islam has to be studied above such demeaning kind of remarks. If the blind shall lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch — this is what the Bible preaches. Ignorance from truth or reality is the worst kind of sin because it brings down a person to insignificance and contemptibility.

The disintegration of the Soviet state and German unification are manageable constructive problems for the West, but Islamic nations' return to history offers a subtle challenge to them. A bit of understanding is required because both sides by misunderstanding, rather than malice, can go wrong.

The general feeling that Islam lacks its own enlightenment to reconcile religion with modern thought because Islamic societies failed to keep up with the development of Europe in the 18th and 19th centuries is an incorrect assumption. The reason that the 18th and 19th centuries were difficult times for Muslims was because of their colonial domination. Muslim nations have emerged from this domination only since the last fifty years. The areas where greatest erosion was suffered due to Western colonial powers was the Islamic faith and culture because this represented beliefs, values, attitudes and manners of a society.

Colonialism

The colonialism underlying assumption was that race was a fundamental determinant of all history and culture, therefore, the key beliefs which raised from such an underlying theory were that non-Western culture was far inferior to that of the West, non-Western people were racially different from the Westerners and this difference was hereditary, thus, cultural inferiority was also hereditary. It was out of this assumption that a charter of change was promulgated for the colonies. Thus vision of transformation of inferior races through Western civilisation became the single-most object for the education of the colonial races. Through this re-education, it was believed that the cultural life of the people can be transformed and proper military and political control could be established.

The Islamic nations are passing through a very delicate stage. They want to influence and find their lost roots, their beliefs, their values, attitudes and reassurances of identity. This might lead to revivalism in initial stages, but societies move forward not backwards. Let's take the

example of the subcontinent. Colonialism received support from evangelists, liberals and utilitarians. In eyes of these three schools of thought, Indian subcontinent's society was marked by a general corruption of manners and was sunk in misery. Each of these schools proposed solutions so that, according to Charles Grant, the subcontinent residents who were a race of "men lamentably degenerate and base" could be trained for the benefit of mankind.

The evangelists thought that the solution was introduction of Christian missionaries; the liberals believed in Western education and the utilitarians argued in favour of extension of Western culture. Majority of the people who were targets of such experimentation of cultural domination and imperialist expansion were Muslims. Out of the three categories of colonies, the Muslim culture inevitably suffered the most. The thrust of teaching of Gospel, introduction of Western education to silently undermine the fabric of error, and extension of Western culture left the Muslim societies in a disarray.

Islam on the move is a worry which is really uncalculated. The return of Islamic nations to history is the fulfilment of people's inspirations in a post-colonial era; this is the filling of a gap of disappointments. The Islamic societies have the ability to integrate their actions with the modern thought. Slowly and steadily, the Islamic countries have shown their expertise in employing technology to the best use.

The very basic elements on which fundamentalism breeds are alien to Islamic thought. Islam views society as a divinely ordained institution. It emphasises on a social fabric for its society as necessary for imparting knowledge. Consultation criticism and test of all knowledge against evidence forms the basis of Shura. The principle of consensus (ijma) and right to creativity belongs to all. In Islamic society, ethical values require the existence of others, interaction with them and justice to them. The concept of morality is essentially an ethic of action, not an ethic of intention.

Knowledge

Astonishingly, the knowledge in the West about Islam is limited; it is tarnished by centuries-old prejudices and misunderstandings. The critiques of the Holy Quran who read this book should approach this work with respect. The Quran preserves for mankind the pure and undistorted words of the Almighty.

The theme of tolerance in Islam is least known amongst the Westerners. Islam, in its very essence, has tolerance written on its brow. The Quran says: "Let there be no compulsion in religion." The conquest of Makkah is an example which, in Gabriel's opinion, is a rare event in human history that, "a victor has exploited his victory with greater self-restraint and forbearance than Prophet Mohammed (PBUH)."

The people of Book, those possessing scriptures, are placed under the protection of Islam and forbearance towards them is ordained by Prophet Mohammed (PBUH). Prophet is quoted in one of his oral traditions saying that "Whoever kills anyone of the people of the Book will not inhale the fragrance of paradise." The Christian community of Najran under Prophet's protection thrived. The Prophet is quoted as saying that, "If anyone encroaches upon their right, I myself shall be his enemy."

The expansionist spread of Islam was not a forced conversion of the subdued people. Orientalist, C.H. Becker, emphasises that, "It did not occur to the Muslims at all in the beginning to convert the subjected people." Scholars like Hugo Winkler, Leone Ceatani and C.H. Becker have convincingly proved that everywhere the subjected people enjoyed free exercise of their religion without any doubt. The treatment of the

Jews by Islamic society cannot be considered as harsh. It was under Islamic rule in Spain that the medieval Judaism, against which an "unscrupulous war of extermination had been previously waged by Orthodox, experienced its greatest flowering where its greatest philosopher, Rabbi Moshe Ben Maimon, taught.

The spirit of tolerance and indulgence practised by Islamic rulers in Spain is a well-known historical fact. Famous historian, Sigrid Hunke, describes the end of the Islamic era in 15th century Spain when, under Catholic dominion, the spirit of tolerance and indulgence were over. Under Archbishop Juan Ximenez, the Muslim and the rest of the flowering culture sank in a sea of terror in which waves of religious fanaticism devoured everything. Every time they expressed their faith, every time they used their language, every word, every song, they were sent to the gallies, prosecuted and even burnt alive. Whatever the conquering purpose had not destroyed amongst the treasures of Arabic science and poetry, was dragged out and huge piles were thrown into the flames. Who can forget the mass expulsion and devastation of the most flourishing part of the world in a short span.

History

Islamic history reveals itself as a protector of the weak. During the Middle Ages when Emperor Leo had the Jews baptised by force, Spanish Jews sought protection from Turkey at the end of the 15th century. To accuse Islam as an intolerant religion is at variance with the teachings of Holy Quran.

Islam has produced one of the most remarkable scientific traditions of any pre-modern civilisation — the astronomical writings of Al Farghani; or Nasiruddin Tusi, the geodetic, and geological works of Al Biruni; the medical and pharmacological text of Ibn Al Razi or Ibn Sina; the optical study of Ibn Al Haytham; or the mathematical studies of Ghiyathuddin, Jamshid Kashani, or the algebra of Jabir Ibn Hayyam, and alchemical treatise of Khayyam are major achievements of Islam to science and civilisation.

The ignorance of history and legacy of Islam and misrepresentation of Islamic revival as some kind of dogma which threatens the world peace is a short-sighted attitude of critics of Islam. The political reawakening of the Islamic world should not be confused solely with the extremist attitudes of fundamentalism.

The focus on surge of Islam as a threat has to be properly studied. The Islamic political reawakening is tolerant in character and is driven more by a sense of cultural separatism than religious fervour. A Muslim seeking freedom from shackles of totalitarianism has the same desire like a Romanian seeking freedom from an absolute system. If we can support the cause of Romanians so as to help them escape from the extremes of brutality under doctrines of Ceausescuism, then why should we worry for a Muslim urge of freedom. He also has the same right to breathe free like any other human being. To slap the desire of a Muslim with the slogan of "extremism" is injustice to the cause of mankind. Freedom for everybody and malice towards none should be the notion of humankind. One can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom.

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Kuwait.

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Asean

Search for
new identity
to survive

JAKARTA, (Reuter): Trade co-operation and regional security are emerging as possible new issues to hold together the Association of South East Asia Nations now that the threat of communism, which brought together 23 years ago, is receding.

The two issues were thrust into the open at an Asean ministerial meeting in Jakarta last week. "You have to remember Asean was a marriage of convenience and fear, not of love," an Asean diplomat said.

The six-nation group covers a rainbow of societies, religions and economies from the bustling high-technology of Singapore to the primitive tribalism of eastern Indonesia. Its members often have little more in common than proximity on the map.

Prodded

Prodded into union in 1967 by the perceived threats of China and Vietnam, the association of Brunei, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines has spent the past few years almost exclusively and with scant success trying to get neighbouring Cambodia to end its war.

"We can no longer excuse ourselves by saying 'let's fix Cambodia first,'" Philippine Foreign Minister Raul Manglapus told last week's meeting.

Manglapus, whose country hosts the only sizeable foreign military presence in the group, with two large US bases, said it was time for Asean to discuss the once taboo subject of security among themselves and in the region as a whole.

That proposal has "opened the way to thinking about our long-term security," said a senior Asean diplomat.

The response from other countries has been mixed. Japan, which had to fend off accusations from Malaysia last week that it could again be a military threat to the rest of Asia, said it felt the topic was premature.

Division

In Europe, there is a clear division of East and West. It was rather easy to go ahead with some new arrangements. In Asia I don't think we have reached that stage yet," a Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman, Makoto Yamanaka, said.

Despite many dramatic changes in Europe we do not observe corresponding changes in Asia," he said, echoing comments by Canadian Foreign Minister Joe Clark that Asia's cold war was not yet over.

"For the first time Asean was quite articulately talking about security issues. It's very interesting that they are coming out of their shell," said one senior official who attended last week's talks, which also included the United States, European Community, Australia and New Zealand.

The official was also positive about prospects for economic co-operation.

There's been lots of speculation that Asean was a spent force, the Asean (Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation group) was taking over. Cambodia was the only rationale. But this meeting shows the importance of Asean," the official said.

He said it had left Asean foreign ministers pleased "and rightly so, too."

Apec

Apec, formed nine months ago, groups Asean nations with the United States, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. Ministers from its member countries began a meeting in Singapore on Monday.

Southeast Asian countries have become more enthusiastic about Apec following assurances that it will not dilute the role of Asean.

"Economic co-operation (in Asean) will be increased. The question is now how we liaise and assert ourselves in the wider Apec," Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas said.

For some, the fact that Asean countries export many of the same things precludes real progress in economic co-operation and accounts for the lukewarm reception to Manila's proposal for moves towards a common market.

"Internally we have so little in common, our unity has to come from an external pressure and now that's the potential power vacuum in the Pacific," said one diplomat.

He warned that the emerging generation of Asean leaders might not have the same commitment to the diverse group.

"I'm not at all sure that the next generation has the desire to put in as much energy as will be needed to make Asean work," he said.

QUOTE ME

"There was a lot of moisture in the wet. I knew it would be there for two hours and if we had picked up a catch from Gooch early on it would have been a very different game." Indian cricket skipper on why he stood by his decision to put England to bat last Thursday.

"We were following flies to lead us to rotting bodies, but this swarm led us to the living." — Miner Pablo Binwag on the location of a couple in a rubble of the Philippine earthquake.

"America's leadership is still dominant but now it has to be based on a bigger variety of factors than just who has the bomb. It's a greater test of leadership to give events in this climate." — White House Press Secretary Martin Fitzwater.

"We set out hoping to take seven wickets and finished up with six, so realistically you have to be satisfied after Saturday's play. The only drawback was they managed to get 50 runs or so more than we would have wanted so it will be very interesting on Monday." — England manager Micky Stewart.

"The government of Trinidad and Tobago has not fallen. The cabinet members are in command and taking the necessary decisions to ensure the peace and wellbeing of all." — A Trinidad and Tobago official on the prevailing situation in the country.

"We've seen dozens of cases of liquefied cocaine. We've seen cocaine dissolved in wine, water, all sorts of ways." — Customs spokesman Michael Sheehan saying cocaine smuggling in liquid form is common trick among drug traffickers.

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Israel calls for chem-arms-free zone

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 30. (AP) Israel's Defence Ministry called yesterday for the elimination of chemical weapons in the Middle East and denied that Israel possesses such arms.

"Israel is a signatory of the Geneva Protocol of 1925 and abides by it," said a statement issued by Defence Ministry spokesman Dan Naveh. "To our dismay other countries who also are signatories of this protocol have violated it."

The Geneva Protocol of 1925 prohibits the use of chemical weapons.

Naveh's statement reminded the world that Israel "was among the first to alert the world about the use of chemical weapons."

"Israel hopes that in the near future we may have a new comprehensive convention for the total elimination of chemical weapons, a convention that will deal with the Middle East problem and Israel's security needs," Naveh's communique added.

Science Minister Yuval Neeman, who is also head of Israel's space programme, had warned Friday that Israel could respond in like to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's threats to use chemical weapons against Israel.

"In my opinion, we have an excellent response, and that is to threaten Saddam with the same merchandise," Neeman said.

However, Neeman later said he had been misunderstood.

Meanwhile, in Iraq, a spokesman for the foreign minister slammed the West for maintaining silence over Neeman's statement.

"Everybody knows that Israel has all kinds of weapons of mass destruction," said the spokesman, who was not identified. "But we are surprised that the West made a lot of fuss about Iraq's weapons potential and kept silent on the statement by the Israeli minister."

The "war of words" emptied in April

when Saddam threatened to torch half of Israel with chemical weapons if the Jewish state attacked him with nuclear arms.

His remarks followed the arrest of several Iraqis in London for trying to smuggle US-made electronic devices that could be used to trigger nuclear weapons. Saddam then denied that the devices were meant for nuclear arms.

Israeli officials have refused to discuss foreign reports that the country has stockpiled nuclear arms and although it is widely believed that Israel has chemical weapons officials have never admitted it.

Benjedid calls early parliamentary polls

Islamic fundamentalists welcome decision

ALGIERS, July 30. (Agencies) President Chadli Benjedid yesterday announced early parliamentary elections for next year as demanded by Muslim fundamentalists, victorious in June local elections in this North African nation.

Benjedid said the decision to dissolve Parliament and hold early elections in the first four months of 1991 was made "after lengthy reflection and my conviction that the political parties will respect the rules of democracy."

Elections are normally scheduled for February 1992.

Algeria's president made the announcement while installing the nation's first Defence Minister, Gen. Khaled Nezzar, at a special cabinet session.

It came days after Islamic Salvation Front leader Abassi Madani made his latest call for an immediate dissolution of the National People's Assembly.

The Islamic Salvation Front won a wide victory in June 12 municipal and provincial elections, the first multi-party voting since Algeria gained independence from France in 1962. Since then, Madani says, the parliament "represents nothing."

The ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) holds all 295 seats in the National People's Assembly. The party trailed second in the June balloting, largely boycotted by other opposition parties.

Benjedid said the elections would only take place if conditions for "peace and security" are met.

"We are thus giving the people the occasion to choose freely their representatives," Benjedid said.



Massoud Rajavi (left) leader of the National Liberation Army of Iran, and Mrs Maryam Rajavi, address a rally of supporters in one of their camps in Iraqi border. (Reuters wirephoto)

Islamic ministers gather in Cairo

CAIRO, July 30. (AP) Ministers and other officials from 45 Muslim states gathered in Cairo today for their annual policy review, including topics targeting Israel and the United States for criticism.

But the 19th foreign ministers meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) opening tomorrow will not deal with the most recent crisis in the Muslim world, the Iraq-Kuwait dispute over oil production and border demarcation.

Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak will open the conference with a speech that Egyptian officials said will focus on conciliation and cohesion among the world's billion Muslims the OIC embraces.

The Iraq-Kuwait crisis has been kept out of the 85-item conference agenda, mainly because of Egypt's determination to confine the Arab family. Iraq and Kuwait are participating in the conference but not by their foreign ministers.

Kuwaiti Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Awadhi left Kuwait this evening for Cairo to attend, on behalf of Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed.

Egypt said the absence of the Foreign Minister of Kuwait, Iraq and Iran would not affect the outcome of the meeting.

The Foreign Ministry's Munir Zahran, director of the international conferences department, said another inter-Arab conflict, that between Iraq and its long-time rival Syria, also will not be discussed at the OIC meeting.

Step aside, US tells Gen. Aoun

Full backing for Hirawi

DAMASCUS, July 30. (Kuna) The US ambassador to Syria Edward Djerejian today renewed Washington's support to the Lebanese government of President Elias Hrawi and the Taif accord which, he urged, should be fully implemented.

In a stern warning to Lebanese rebel army commander Gen. Michel Aoun, Djerejian said those who oppose the Taif accord and the plan put forward recently by the Lebanese government to implement it "should step aside and not remain a stumbling block before Lebanon to regain its sovereignty and independence."

Addressing a press conference here today the American envoy repeated US commitment to protect its vital interests in the Arabian Gulf region and said that Washington strives for a peaceful settlement of the current tension in the Gulf.

Urging all concerned parties and the Gulf states to take necessary measures for maintaining peace in the region, Djerejian praised Arab diplomatic efforts as positive, adding "we encourage these efforts which we hope would reach a peaceful settlement acceptable to both sides."

On the issue of Western hostages held in Lebanon, he indicated that the US have not failed to seize every possible opportunity to encourage the release of all hostages, pointing out that unrelenting efforts would continue with all parties that can help in their release, including the Syrian government.

Asked on the situation in Lebanon, the envoy said the US sees a rare change for the Lebanese people to regain political independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. He described the recent statement by the Lebanese government as the practical way to start implementing the Taif accord in its entirety, adding the US strongly supports the statement.

The American ambassador said all Lebanese factions should openly and unequivocally back the Taif accord and Lebanon's legitimate authority, underlining that Washington fully backs the Taif agreement and the government of President Elias Hrawi and strives for a peaceful solution of the Lebanese crisis, away from the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"We do not, as some claim, connect between settlement of the Lebanese crisis and the Palestinian problem," Djerejian asserted.

The envoy made it clear that the US wants to see the Lebanese government extend its authority over all Lebanon, disband local militias and effect withdrawal of all foreign forces from its territory.

He added "we fully support the programme of constitutional and political reforms agreed upon in Taif."

In a clear warning to Aoun, who opposes the Taif accord, Djerejian said those who refuse this stance "should step aside and not remain a stumbling block before Lebanon in regaining its sovereignty and independence."

The American ambassador said the US government hopes Syria would undertake its obligations under the Taif accord and would help the Lebanese government restore sovereignty and independence.

He added that his decision reflects "the will of the people which we respect" but "in no way signifies that the actual assembly has failed in its mission."

Algerian radio announced yesterday that from now on shorts would be forbidden in the vacation town of Jijel, in eastern Algeria, the second town to do so. Signs in Arab warning residents and tourists that shorts are forbidden are to be erected, the radio reported.

A decree forbidding the wearing of shorts in Tipaza, a tourist town 80 kilometres (50 miles) west of Algiers, had been issued earlier. The Islamic Salvation Front controls both towns.

In addition, Jijel officials have demanded that all correspondence addressed to the municipality be written in the "national language," meaning Arabic.

Madani today welcomed bringing national elections forward a year but warned that liberalising voting rights for women would violate religious law.

"I congratulate the president for his decision, even if it took a long time," said Madani.

But the 59-year-old philosophy professor criticized calls by secular political parties to modify Algeria's so-called "family law" that gives husbands the right to vote for their wives.

"The Islamic Shariah gives and defines all rights for a Muslim woman," Madani said. "It's enough to apply it, keeping in mind respect for women."

Secular political parties complain that the law played a key role in the fundamentalists' June 12 victory over the FLN in regional and local elections.

Berber leader Hocine Ait-Ahmed, leader of the centrist Front of Socialist Forces that boycotted the June campaign, said his party would probably participate in the legislative elections.

Ait-Ahmed urged all democratic parties to unite against the fundamentalists and the FLN and "guarantee that Algeria will know for the first time in its history really free elections."

Benjedid also granted amnesty to hundreds of people charged with political and social crimes stemming from riots in October 1988 over deteriorating economic conditions.

The demonstrations left scores of people dead and forced Benjedid to institute constitutional reforms in February 1989 that allowed multi-partyism, leading to June's elections.

The constitutional changes also guaranteed equality of the sexes, but has not yet been used to override the 1986 family law that allows a woman's husband to cast a ballot in her name with written permission.

Garang: Peace chances dim

JEDDAH, July 30. (AP) The leader of the South Sudan rebel movement, John Garang, was quoted today as asserting that he was willing to meet with the Khartoum government at anytime and place but saw chances of peace as very dim.

In an interview with the Saudi Arabian English-language Arab News, he described an American initiative to resolve the South Sudan conflict presented earlier this year as practically frozen.

He denied knowledge of a specific Egyptian peace initiative, but said Egypt was making moves to arrange a meeting between his Sudan People's Liberation Army and the Khartoum government.

"There are no peace efforts at the moment... instead there is lots of fighting at the war zone," he said.

"The possibility of reaching peace with the government of the day in Khartoum is not only weak but difficult because peace is against its vested interests as it means democracy and general elections," he said.

A court has sentenced a Sudanese man to death by hanging after finding him guilty of dealing in hashish, the daily newspaper Al Kuwait Al Musallah reported today.

Mohamed Fadallah Osman will be the second man to die under the strict anti-drugs laws introduced shortly after the June 30, 1989 military coup led by Lt. Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir.

Custody case verdict delayed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 30. (AP) Israel's Supreme Court today delayed ruling on whether 4-year-old Lindsay Rhein can leave Israel for London to give her parents' lawyers time to work out a private custody agreement.

The girl's mother, Jill Rhein, told police that Lindsay was grabbed from her on June 24 on a London street. Her estranged husband, American film producer Stewart Rhein, has been charged with kidnapping.

He was arrested at the request of British police earlier this month in Tel Aviv. The child has been placed under the care of Tel Aviv social workers, and the mother, who is British, has been given visiting rights.

After Rhein sued to block his estranged wife from taking Lindsay out of the country, a Tel Aviv District Court on July 30 ruled that the child could leave. But court allowed Rhein time to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Dov Vissacel, the attorney for Mrs Rhein, said she was willing to drop the kidnapping charges if Rhein accepted a British court's earlier ruling giving her temporary custody. Vissacel said Mrs Rhein also is demanding child support payments and a guarantee there would be no further attempts at kidnapping.

"It is not a matter of money," Mrs Rhein said after the hearing. "I just want to know that Lindsay and I can live safely in England."

Afghan people must settle their own problems, says Najibullah

NEW DELHI, July 30. (AP) US-Soviet talks may facilitate an agreement on Afghanistan, but the Afghan people must settle their own problems. President Najibullah said in an interview published today.

"If all international and regional problems are being solved through peaceful means, Afghanistan cannot remain an exception — like a handkerchief to be folded and kept in a separate pocket," he told the Indian newspaper the Hindustan Times.

US Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze will meet Wednesday and Thursday in Irkutsk in Central Siberia to discuss Afghanistan.

"We welcome any effort and initiative by other countries, especially the superpowers, aimed at the cessation of war and restoration of peace in Afghanistan," Najibullah said in the interview Thursday in Kabul.

He said US-Soviet action could speed up progress toward peace, "however, it is the Afghans themselves who should settle the problems relating to them and their country."

"We Afghans should come together for negotiations and hold a dialogue and pave the way for peace and rehabilitation. These efforts can lead to a series of international accords or an international consensus," he said.

Najibullah's departure yesterday for Moscow led to reports in Pakistan that US and Soviet officials have reached a tacit agreement that he would hand over some aspects of power to a council of Afghan forces. The composition of the council is to be determined.

The United States has agreed that Najibullah can remain as President of Afghanistan, providing he turns over control of the military, the state media and the secret police to a neutral body during an election.

The United States has also said Najibullah can run in the election. Najibullah, who uses just one name like many Afghans, made no reference during the interview to the possibility of his stepping down.

Since Baker and Shevardnadze met in Paris earlier this month, speculation has been rife that they were laying the groundwork for a political settlement of Afghanistan's war.



Return
An uncle of slain Canadian teenager Marne Kimmelman took the young girl's body home on Monday along with a bag of sand from the beach where she died in a pipe bomb explosion.

Twenty-three teenagers who were on a Canadian Zionist Federation tour with the young woman left Israel on the same flight, deciding to cut short their visit two days after the explosion.

Ms Kimmelman's uncle, Louis Resnick, who had arrived Sunday to arrange the return of his niece's body, visited the Tel Aviv beach where the bomb exploded and collected a bag of sand, the Yediot Aharonot newspaper said.

Mourning the loss of a girlfriend, three teenagers hug each other on Tel Aviv beach.

Fatah cell indicted; another Arab dies

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 30. (Agencies) Israelis are flocking into occupied Arab lands in search of cheap housing because a tidal wave of Soviet Jewish migrants has caused rents to soar in Israel.

The fact is the population last summer reached 90,000. Now we more or less number 100,000," Benny Katzover, a leading Jewish settler of the occupied territories, said today.

An independent survey by the newspaper Haaretz last month forecast 95,000 Jewish settlers would be living in the territories by September.

The figures confirm the suspicions of neighbouring Arab states and the Palestine Liberation Organisation that Palestinians will be displaced by the Jewish influx.

Hundreds of Israelis have taken to the streets in recent weeks accusing the government of displacing them with Soviet Jewish immigrants who receive rent subsidies.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's hardline government has promised not to direct Soviet newcomers to the occupied territories but would not complain if the wave of newcomers forced others into the area.

The government says the settlers protect Israel from any future Arab attack and Shamir always refers to the West Bank by its biblical names, Judea and Samaria.

In protest at rising rents and the shortage of apartments, Israelis have pitched 30 tent camps, taken over empty flats once used by immigrants and climbed the roofs of municipalities threatening suicide.

Katzover told army radio the number of Jews living in the territories would be at least 50 per cent higher if it were not for a growing shortage of apartments there too.

He said Israelis were undeterred by a Palestinian uprising that has raged for 31 months in the occupied lands, adding "The people of Israel think it's an appropriate place."

In the latest violence, 16-year-old Suher Sabe Baara, whom the army said was hit by a plastic bullet in Nablus on Saturday, died today.

Israel, meanwhile, released information about a commando cell belonging to Yasser Arafat's Fatah wing of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, which was indicted in a military court last week.

The cell members, all Arabs, were charged with planting a number of bombs in Israel.

Israeli authorities, meanwhile, announced the indictment of a six-member Fatah cell in the Lod military court.

The court charged the cell, led by Khaled Hassan Cannan from Tamra village in western Galilee, with planting bombs in two Haifa shopping centres and on the northern Nahariya beach over the past year. None of the bombs caused any injuries or damage.

The indictment said Fatah recruited Cannan while he was studying law in West Germany two years ago.

Arafat's top adviser said yesterday that an official of Israel's ruling, rightwing Likud party had held talks with the PLO and put forward a new Middle East peace plan.

The (new) Likud plan... calls for negotiations with an Arab delegation which represents the Arab countries within an international framework that can be arranged," Bassam Abu Sharif told reporters in the Israeli capital.

Canada has denounced the recent bombing on a crowded Tel Aviv beach in which a Canadian teenager from a Jewish tour group was killed as some pro-Zionist Canadian organisations exploited the incident to launch an orchestrated campaign against the PLO.

Missing Iranians kins appeal

BEIRUT, July 30. (Reuters) Four Iranian families whose kinsmen have been missing in Lebanon since 1982 appealed to the world today to stop turning a blind eye to their fate.

"When will the first hostages in Lebanon be freed?" asked a statement accompanied by photographs of the four. "When will the world look at the hostage issue with a single eye?"

Iran recently demanded that the West to use its influence with Lebanese Christian militiamen to free the four Iranians in return for Tehran's help in securing the freedom of Western hostages held by pro-Iranians in Lebanon. Western sources believe they are dead.

The four are Ahmad Motevasselian, commander of an Iranian Revolutionary Guards which unit deployed in Lebanon in 1982, Hossein Mousavi, charge d'affaires at the Iranian embassy in Beirut, Kazem Akhavan, a photographer for the official Iranian news agency Irna, and Taqi Rastegar Moqaddam, their driver.

They were returning to Beirut from the north Lebanon city of Tripoli when they were stopped at a checkpoint manned by a rightwing Christian militia, the Lebanese Forces. The LF denies a kidnapping them.

"Will the world and humanitarian organisations act to rescue all innocent kidnap victims without exception?" asked the families' message, which was sent to Irna's Beirut office.

A reproduction of photographs of missing Iranians issued by Irna news agency in Beirut. (Reuters wirephoto)

In The News

Adeeb Shuhaiber

Suave, and oh, so sweet!

By Manal El Sheikh
Arab Times staff

KTV news reader Adeeb Shuhaiber would love to spend all his summers on Palm Beach, Florida. When he can't get away from Kuwait's sweltering heat, he makes do with Messilah Beach to beat the summer blues.

At the age of 25, he seems to have found the secret of making the most of life shuttling between a full-time banking job and a career in television. He loves both his careers.

How he manages to juggle his time is his trade secret, but he admits: "A degree in business management opens the doors to many opportunities."

Opportunity knocked. Kuwait Television launched a search for English-speaking reporters and newsmen. He applied and was called for a screen test and since his selection, Adeeb has been in the news.

Most newsmen in Kuwait are the talk of the town for news bloopers. Adeeb is seen by the young, and the young at heart, as the suave, oh, so cute TV personality.

From *News in Brief* to 8 o'clock *News*, Adeeb has come a long way in a short span of two years. He started his television career, part time, as a reporter on KTV's Weekend Show, much talked about for all the wrong reasons. After one year as a reporter, he became the producer of *Weekend*. The show is on the air from October to April.

Television is a great experience for Adeeb. Perhaps, its great being the star of KTV! But reading the "News in Brief" is a "routine matter." "It helps us practice," he muses. Diction? Reading the 8 o'clock *News* teaches him "articulation." "It's challenging," he says. Producing the *Weekend* show boosts his self-confidence.

He works under pressure, meeting tough deadlines to keep the show on the road, with some help from his co-operative, friendly colleagues. "They are helpful, understanding and offer a word of advice when needed," he said.

A great deal of time and effort goes into the production of *Weekend*. He looks into every detail of the production, from writing scripts to editing the show — with some help from the director, of course.

He admits the show's presenters make many a blunder during filming, some of the bloopers we've seen on the show last season.

"It's great fun making the show; our mistakes are so funny that it makes the long hours so much easier," he said.

Adeeb takes criticism in his stride and even accepts it — if it is constructive.

"Criticism gives us a chance to improve ourselves," he says.

When Adeeb is not busy making the rounds of TV studios and his bank, he takes time off to cook. His favourite dish is lasagne. If he can't find the time to potter in the kitchen, he munches junk food — hamburgers, pizza and french fries while watching a horror movie.

"I'd love to see a ghost," he chuckles. His favourite pastime is watching movies from Hollywood and Bollywood. An ardent fan of Indian film stars, he defends violence in both western and Indian movies believing "it is a form of entertainment." But romance is a welcome relief, on the silver screen, of course!

One of the charms of being in broadcasting is that he gets to meet some of

the most interesting people like Indian actress Sri Devi.

An experienced traveller, Adeeb has visited several countries from America to India. He is in love with India. Not surprising, really, because Adeeb's mother is Indian.

Adeeb is a naturalised Kuwaiti. His father is a Palestinian-Kuwaiti. He attended an English school in Kuwait and studied business administration in Paris. His exposure to hybrid cultures gave him a flair for languages and he speaks French, English, Arabic and Hindi fluently.

This has also given him a broad outlook on life. He judges people, especially women, on what they are rather than who they are. "Trust and loyalty is what matters, nationality doesn't," he says.

A romantic at heart, Adeeb hopes to fall in love before marrying the girl of his dreams. Quickly, he adds he respects the "arranged marriage" system as well.

Until the girl he can trust comes along, most viewers can tune in to see their favourite Adeeb Shuhaiber on the small screen — on the *News in Brief* or on *Weekend*.

Around town

Farewell, welcome

A farewell reception was hosted on Saturday by Al Rashed Shipping Agencies Company, WLL, to say farewell to K. Tsuboi, Middle East representative for Nippon Liner Services, and to welcome his successor Fujiwara.

The luncheon was hosted by Al Rashed's Director Basim Al Rashed and its General Manager Captain Peter Wakely. Guests included A.R. Al Naibari, director of Shuaiba port and a large number of friends and customers.

Al Rashed presented a commemorative plate to Tsuboi in appreciation of his friendship and co-operation during his term in office.



Captain Wakely, A.R. Naibari, Tsuboi, Al Rashed and Fujiwara pictured at the reception.



Al Turki and Dickenson meet

The Secretary General of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) Abdul Aziz Al Turki on Sunday received Canadian Ambassador L.T. Dickenson in his office. They discussed matters of mutual interest.



Sadiq Pasha greeted

Bharathi Kalai Mandram (BKM), Kuwait, hosted a reception last week in honour of a visiting Tamil Nadu minister, Sadiq Pasha. The reception, held at Caesar's Restaurant, was attended by a large number of Indian Tamils living in Kuwait. Above: (L-R) BKM president P.N. Rangan, C.K.V. Raman, Sadiq Pasha and Ganeshan.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran.
- 9.15 Cartoons.
- 9.40 Iftah Ya Simsim: a programme for children.
- 10.10 Good Morning.
- 10.15 Al Bakhed Wa Ana: Arabic serial starring Farid Shawki.
- 11.15 Sabah Al Khair.
- 12.00 Al Ma'sara: Arabic serial, starring Jamil Awad, Juliet Awad, Abeer Essa.
- 1.00 Songs.
- 1.30 Al Sanafer: cartoon serial.
- 2.00 The News.
- 2.30 Ibn Aqel: Gulf serial starring Ahlam Mohammed, Ebrahim Al Bunk.
- 3.30 Masrah Al Muwahhib: Talented People's Theatre.
- 4.15 Humsar Wa Nagham: variety programme, presented by Hanan Al Sa'ati.
- 5.15 Cartoons.
- 5.30 Adventures: cartoon serial.
- 6.00 Songs.
- 6.30 Kan'a Ma Kan'a: children's serial.
- 7.30 Songs.
- 8.00 Al Anes Wal Jalees: focus on Arab literature. Focusing on Alif Laila Wa Laila.
- 9.00 News in Arabic.
- 9.45 Al Zaera: Arabic serial, featuring Sami Ayoub, Salah Qabil, Shireen, Ablah Kameel.



Perfect Strangers — KTV 2, 10.00 pm

- 10.45 Songs.
- 11.00 Al Kalb Laho Wahed: Arabic film, starring Sabah and Anwar Wagdi.
- 12.20 News Summary.
- 12.25 World News via Satellite.
- 1.40 Holy Quran/Closedown.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran.
- 6.10 Chip and Dale's Rescue Team: A cartoon series.
- 6.30 The New Mickey Mouse Club: A contest is held between Mickey Mouse club members to see who

can derive the best musical instrument from old things.

7.00 International Outdoorsman: "The Aquatic Frontier." Rebuilding the old Ocean Spirit, a ship which was used to make trips to the Caribbean. Documentary.

7.30 Kate and Allie: "A Tree Grows on West 56th Street." The New York Municipality decides to build a car park where a park currently stands. Kate campaigns to save the park. Comedy.

8.00 News in English.

8.30 You and the Law: A local programme about the laws and regulations enforced in Kuwait. Documentary.

8.45 Bordertown.

9.10 Horizon: "Cold Fission." Nuclear fission and the steps which are being taken against Utah University for using fission at low temperatures. Documentary.

10.00 Perfect Strangers: Larry is angry with his cousin Balki and refuses to talk things out. Comedy.

10.30 Bestseller: The Fortunes of War.

12.00 News in brief.

12.10 Magazine D'actualite/Closedown.

Farid Shawki in Al Bakhed Wa Ana — KTV 1, 10.50



Basim Al Rashed presenting the commemorative plate



Rekha starring in Baharashat at Al Firdous Cinema

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Taht Al Sifr (Arabic)
Starring: Najla Fathi and Salah El Saadani

Al Salmiya
Jazeera Al Shitaan (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam

Al Hamra
Halawat Al Rouh (Arabic)
Starring: Kamal Al Shinawi, Safia Al Imari

Drive-In
Jazeera Al Shitaan (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam

Faheheel
Funny Family

Al Jahra
Nai Bichar (Bengali)

Granada
Hall booked

Sulaibikhat
FEOS

Jleeb
Agum Pani

Ahmadi Drive-in
Al Taair Al-Jary

PRAYERS

Al Firdous
Baharashat (Hindi)
Starring: Mithun Chakraborty and Rekha

Faheheel Open
Taqqeer Ka Tamasha (Hindi)

Fajr 3.38 am

Zuhr 11.54

Asr 3.30 pm

Maghreb 6.41

Isha 8.07

Summer Bazaar

Aug. 3: The Ladies Friendship Association's Big Summer Bazaar will be held in the Exhibition Hall at Kuwait Regency Palace Hotel from 9 am to 9 pm. Gift items, home products, handicrafts, toys, clothes and much more. Raffle with attractive prizes. Surprise for children. All are welcome. For details call Manal 574-9179.

Summerbelle '90
Aug. 2: United Goans Centre will hold Summerbelle '90 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. Top Ranks and Hurricane Alley in attendance. For reservations call Tony, 2612024; Cyril, 2523920; Joe, 5655140.

Independence Day Celebration

Aug. 15: Indian Arts Circle invites all Indians to the Independence Day celebration on August 15, at 8 pm in the IAC auditorium at Funaites. A cultural programme will be presented. The chief guest will be Indian Ambassador Arun Kumar Budhiraja.

Theatre

Isang Rock Opera: Kallangang-Kallangan ka ianin maria (Attention Filipino ladies): The female lead role in the musical drama Maria. Makiling-Isang Rock Opera. Aspirants must have a pleasing personality and must have a talent for singing, dancing and acting. For details contact: Mabuhay Restaurant from 6 pm to 9 pm and ask for Rod Manalo, Lito Matiga, Maria or Florence. Tel: 2436121.

Notes

At the Meridien
Al Fingan: offers a wide range of refreshments; open from 9 am to 11 pm.

Al Waha: features ice creams, several flavours; open Saturday through Thursday, 8 am to 9 pm.

At Holiday Inn Crown Plaza
Coffee Shop: open for early morning breakfast; also serves lunch and dinner.

Lobby Cafe: offers refreshments and snacks.

Babylon Gardens: features fresh fruit juices and refreshments.

At the Plaza:

Al Dallah Coffee Shop: international cuisine; open buffet plus menu.

Loluwah Corner: snacks and refreshing summer drinks.

Marco Polo: Italian ambience and cuisine, particularly pasta.

At the Messilah Beach

Al Mubarakiah: open around the clock; seafood promotion on Wednesdays, 7 pm; Fridays — Middle Eastern cuisine.

Al Jawharah: Thursday special — special menu; music by Rainbow Band.

Al Berdowneh: BBQ on Thursday in beach-garden restaurant; Lebanese food.

At the Sheraton
Hunt Room: Daily buffet lunch in addition to a la carte; plus grills specialties: a la carte dinner plus some specialties from Le Tarbouche; Duo Fantasy in attendance.

Riccardo Restaurant: will be open for dinner 8 pm to 11 pm with live entertainment by Regina and Frances.

Coffee Shop: breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to 10:00 am.

At the SAS

Bistretto: Sunday/Wednesday — pasta night; Italian music.

Peacock Room: Chinese cuisine; lunch and dinner.

Al Boom: Kuwaiti experience; charcoal grilled food, plus mezzeh buffet.

Clock snack bar — burgers, french fries, etc.

At the International

Failaka: Chef's Special, in addition to menu at the Failaka Restaurant. Closed on Fridays.

La Patisserie: Austria's favourite — a variety of strudel is now presented at La Patisserie.

La Palma: Enjoy a sumptuous buffet as well as a la carte. Family style brunch on Fridays.

Al Salem Hotel: Al Bender Coffee Shop: International cuisine, breakfast, lunch and dinner buffet and a la carte (6 am to midnight).

Al Mawardi Garden Cafe: Snacks, pastries and beverages (6 pm to midnight)

Al Goudoul Grill Garden: All grills specialties, a la carte, (6 pm to midnight)

Al Mersa: On board, international a la carte cuisine lunch and dinner, closed on Fridays.

Friday Brunch: Ship discovery tour, entertainment for children and cartoon characters to amuse.

British Council

The British Council is giving out information on how to get British qualifications through correspondence. Details about the names of colleges, dates and fees can be obtained from the Education Office, open from 9 am to 12.30 noon and 5 to 8 pm.

For Overseas Pakistanis

Applications are invited from children of Overseas Pakistanis for admission in Lawrence College, Ghora Gali, Murree, Pakistan for the session commencing from 1st March, 1991. The applicants can apply for admission in Class I and V only. Application forms and other information can be obtained from the Press Section, of the Embassy of Pakistan. Last date for receipt of application is September 30, 1990.

Only members of Overseas Pakistanis Foundation can apply.

Applications are invited from children of Overseas Pakistanis for admission in Inter College Lower Topa, Murree, Pakistan for the session commencing from 1st March, 1991. The applicants can apply for admission in Class I and V only. Application forms and other information can be obtained from the Press Section, of the Embassy of Pakistan. Last date for receipt of application is October 31, 1990.

Only members of Overseas Pakistanis Foundation can apply.

Pakistan Embassy

July 31/Aug. 1: The Pakistan Embassy will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday on the occasion of Ashura. Normal working resumes on Aug. 2.

Assumption masses
August 15, at the Holy Family Cathedral.

6.45 am English Mass

7.30 am English Mass

8.00 pm English Mass

6.00 pm English Mass

7.00 pm Arabic Mass

7.55 pm English Mass

8.30 pm Maronite Mass

Holy day of obligation. Happy Feast to all of you.

Loveshock!

How to recover from a broken heart

By Judy Byrne

DISILLUSIONED wife Jennifer had reached the end of the road. She could no longer cope with her husband's broken promises and half-hidden infidelities. As she waited for a telephone call from her husband at their Malibu mansion in California, she suddenly realised she was married not to a reality but to a hope. Rick had been a rising young film director when they met. Now, 20 years and two children on, she moved into a hotel room and hung a "do not disturb" sign on the door. Her children were away at boarding school. There was nothing to interrupt her total seclusion. So she lived in the dark behind closed curtains, letting phone calls go unanswered. She did not know night from day. She rarely ate or slept. Although Jennifer was the one who decided to leave, she was in what psychologist Stephen Gullo calls "loveshock".

Gullo, who has made a study of love and loss, specialises in helping patients like Jennifer to come to terms with the condition. Another person he helped was writer Connie Church, who went to him after her marriage collapsed.

Now Gullo, and Connie have collaborated on a book, *Loveshock — How to Recover from a Broken Heart and Love Again*, to help other people in loveshock to help themselves.

Gullo says: "Many of my loveshock patients come to me at the onset of their loveshock because they are unable to function and feel as if they are emotionally unwell. They are unable to concentrate and unable to sleep and they have a sense of hopelessness."

"This initial inability to function is a normal result of their shock and grief. In fact, they are surprised when I tell them that their emotional state is appropriate, that the reason they are in so much pain is that they are in touch with their loss. And that is healthy!"

"Loveshock does not become pathological unless you try to repress it or inhibit it through denial or different forms of excess, such as drug and alcohol abuse. Failure to recognise and express your emotional pain can severely impair your psychological health and your ability to form new love relationships."

If the good news is that loveshock is normal and healthy, the better news is that Dr Gullo has discovered from his work with loveshock victims that its progress fits a predictable pattern.

People differ in how they experience each stage. For example, while Jennifer went into retreat from the world at the start, another patient tried to cope by plunging into an orgy of promiscuity. And different patients pass through the stages at different rates.

Gullo's stages are: shock, grief, setting blame, resignation (the "goodbye" stage), rebuilding and resolution.

SHOCK: This is when you feel numb, disoriented, and often disbelieving. You may have trouble eating and sleeping. You may feel like a zombie. And



One of the authors of *Loveshock*, Connie Church.



Stephen Gullo, Ph.D., the other author of the book *Loveshock*.

probably when you look back on the experience, you will feel as Jennifer did: the weeks she spent locked in a hotel room are now like a distant blur in her memory. Shock insulates you from the full impact of the emotional trauma you are going through. It can last a day or a month. It rarely goes on longer. It ends when your emotions break through to the surface.

GRIEF: The grief, when it breaks through the shock, is not just for the lost person. It is for the shared time, and the dreams you dreamed together. For the future you no longer have together. In the grief phase, you are likely to be snappy with people around you. And you may have a compulsion to ring your old love just to hear the sound of their voice again, then hang up. Depression often crops up in the grief stage. Jennifer sought help when she was stuck in the grief stage. Working with Gullo she realised that she was afraid that, after 20 years of marriage, no one would want her. Painful as it was, he says, "Grief was the 'safest' place for her to be."

SETTING BLAME: When the grief dies down, it leaves people with a need to make sense of what happened. This is the "where did I/he/she go wrong" stage. Anger is one of the strongest emotions at this phase. It might be directed at your ex-husband or ex-girlfriend. It might express itself in compulsive behaviour such as going on an alcohol or drug binge or in promiscuity. The transition between Grief and Setting Blame can follow a saw-saw pattern, with patients moving back and forth between the two before they are ready to move on.

RESIGNATION — THE GOODBYE STAGE: This is a turning point. Says Dr Gullo: "It is the point at which you are able to say, 'This person is no longer in my life. I can spend my life mourning or

being angry, or I can push myself to go forward.' It is another place where it is easy to become stuck — not least because you may feel too drained of energy by now to throw yourself into rebuilding."

REBUILDING: Once you have begun active rebuilding work, the worst is over. Your life is yours again. You are ready to start dating again. It was at this point Jennifer suddenly realised she was laughing a lot. She was going out with her friends and just enjoying her life. It was then that she met her second husband, Tony.

RESOLUTION: Your life is now back on course and you have actually learned by going through the loveshock stages. Even if you do not start a new relationship now, you will at least be more confident that you can create your own happiness and take care of yourself. Dr Gullo knew Jennifer had reached the end of her journey when she came for a session with him and told him how she had seen her ex-husband Rick and his girlfriend having dinner in the same restaurant as she and Tony.

He admits that he thought she was going to go on to say she had caused a scene. But she did not. She told him: "I actually got up, walked across the room, and said hello to my ex-husband and introduced myself to his girlfriend. Can you believe it?" And she says, "I overheard her say as I left, 'That lady is a real class act'. I could hardly believe my ears, but I felt a sense of pride and wholeness. And Tony was amazed by my courage."

Gullo told her: "Your loveshock is over. There is no need for you to continue therapy."

One of the techniques Gullo recommends to people working through the final stage of loveshock is what he calls self-monitoring. If you are

completely honest with yourself, he says, self-monitoring will alert you to any destructive patterns that you are forming. You can do it by talking about your feelings into a tape recorder, keeping a journal, or making a list of the day's activities and how you felt while you were doing them. Or you can just sit aside 10 minutes a day for an internal dialogue.

Then there is "thought-blocking." That is for when you start to think about your ex or wallow in self-pity. You must tell yourself "Stop," then shift your attention to something interesting or diverting. The more you practise thought-blocking, he says, the more effective it becomes.

A note by the phone that says "STOP! DON'T CALL!" could help you overcome any temptation to call your ex and put back the clock — and your recovery. And a list of the positive aspects of your life taped to the bathroom mirror can remind you how much you have going for you.

Relaxation techniques can be useful. A safe — and non-addictive — method is needed to get through the bad patches. Some of Gullo's patients have used exercising, long hot baths, massage, dancing, deep breathing, painting, going to the pictures, playing a musical instrument or doing needlepoint.

Dr Gullo says that loveshock can recur again and again — but the first dose is the worst. "People who have gone through all the stages of loveshock always grow stronger as a result of it," he says.

"Think of it as a strengthening of the emotional immune system." But intimacy does not come easily after loveshock. Most men, whatever their age, have a period of impotency during and even after it. And most women go through a stage of running a mile from any sexual encounter.

Gently does it, is the doctor's advice. If you are finding it difficult to re-integrate intimacy into your life, take it one slow step at a time. Do not move on to the next step until you are completely comfortable with the present one.

You could begin by simply holding hands. And when love does come around again, it can come from the most surprising quarter — as Gullo's co-author, Connie Church, confesses. She and her husband are now working on rebuilding their relationship again.

She says: "As Dr Gullo explains, it is possible to reunite with your partner during the rebuilding phase if there have been dramatic changes of behaviour and both of you are willing to work at the relationship."

"Well, we have both made changes and we are working hard. But the ground rules have been changed. We've become more tolerant of each other's personal needs and created an entirely different relationship from what we had."

"I'm not afraid to love again. Love, no matter how brief, is a miracle to me."

Loveshock — How to Recover from a Broken Heart and Love Again by Stephen Gullo, Ph.D., and Connie Church is published by Simon and Schuster, and costs £10.95.



Rene Anselmo looking at a model of his \$85 million satellite.

Anselmo's satellite upsets monopolies

By Phillipa Neave

GREENWICH, U.S.A. (WNL): What would you do if you had US \$85 million to spend? Build a skyscraper? Tour the world? That wouldn't be much fun," retorts Rene Anselmo. Instead, he chose to take a formidable risk by becoming the only individual in the world to own a satellite.

"I had to finance it myself, nobody else would," explains 64-year-old Anselmo, whose unusual career in the show-business and television world gradually led him along the path to outer space. The road has been far from smooth, and Anselmo is widely looked upon as the lonely champion challenging the giants of the satellite communications business, including INTELSAT, the international consortium that enjoys little short of a worldwide monopoly.

Anselmo had more than \$85 million riding on the Ariane rocket launched in June 1988 by the European consortium that propels commercial loads into space. At the time the space launch industry was in trouble: the Americans had cancelled all launches after the Challenger shuttle disaster, and the Europeans had suffered a series of blowups at the Ariane space base in Kourou, French Guiana. "I did it at a time when everything was going wrong," Anselmo notes, puffing on one of the 60 or so cigarettes he smokes every day. "It's a very risky business which I consider to be greatly based on luck; you're lucky to get a successful launch, and once it's up there, you're lucky if it (the equipment) works. For the average investor, this is not a thrilling opportunity."

Most people would say that he was pushing his luck. The enormity of the risk is enough to send shivers down anybody's spine, because on top of it all his satellite was underinsured. "It was an \$85 million risk and I could only afford to buy \$40 million worth of insurance, and the premium for that cost \$10 million, so we were risking \$45 million on the launch. But that's luck," Anselmo seems to have a fair share of it. While most of his wealth was being catapulted into space to end up floating over Brazil some 22,000 miles above the equator, the man was undergoing his second major coronary bypass operation.

You would have to say he is resilient. He must be to keep up a two-year battle against what has become one of the world's most powerful cartels. When it was set up in 1962, INTELSAT, which now has 118 member countries, was designed to be a non-profit international communications network that would make satellite-carried television, data and telecommunications available to all. Countries generally join INTELSAT through their state-owned telecommunications monopolies. "It's a monopoly of monopolies," contends Anselmo. Today, the network is dominated by its most powerful members — COMSAT of the US, British Telecom International (BTI), West Germany's Bundespost, France's Telecom and Japan's KDD.

In most countries, the state-owned post and telecommunications monopolies are the only bodies authorised to handle satellite traffic, whether sending a signal up or bringing it down. They are also free to charge whatever they choose for their services. Says Anselmo: "The telephone company is the only one authorised to bring that signal down, so the markups go from 500 per cent to 1000 or even 1,500 per cent."

"Before we came along, (while) a TV signal in the US would cost \$175 to bring down for the first 10 minutes, in Argentina, it costs \$1,000. When you consider the economies of the two countries, that's

an excessive rip-off," he adds. The main thrust of Anselmo's PanAmSat I project centres on serving South America with links to the United States and Europe. With an army of lawyers, Anselmo took his project to the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to fight the Intelsat monopoly. When in 1985 the FCC eventually ruled in favour of free competition and authorised private satellites, Anselmo had opened the first crack in the system. His became the first privately owned satellite in operation.

Since then, others have moved to denounce state monopolies. After months of research, the London Financial Times recently published a series of articles pointing to a system that, it said, "is distorting the development of virtually every branch of industry." The author, Hugo Dixon, wrote that "telephone users around the world are being overcharged by more than \$10 billion a year... as a result of cartel-like arrangements between the world's telephone companies which keep prices at an artificially high level."

Anselmo's point is that he can provide the same services as the public companies that control satellite communications but at considerably lower prices. For poorer countries, where the telecommunications infrastructure is in its infancy, satellites can be a lifeline to the rest of the world, he says.

Although satellites are linked to elaborate earth stations, a recipient or transmitter of the signal needs relatively little equipment. The key component is a "satellite dish." It can pick up a satellite signal that can carry thousands of telephone conversations, telefax messages, and, like Anselmo's satellite, 36 TV channels as well as computer data. "It would cost the price of a dish, because on top of it all his satellite was underinsured. "It was an \$85 million risk and I could only afford to buy \$40 million worth of insurance, and the premium for that cost \$10 million, so we were risking \$45 million on the launch. But that's luck," Anselmo seems to have a fair share of it. While most of his wealth was being catapulted into space to end up floating over Brazil some 22,000 miles above the equator, the man was undergoing his second major coronary bypass operation.

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Birka discovery changes Viking image

Hooligans abroad, family men at home

BIRKA, Sweden, (Reuters): Away from home, the Vikings had a reputation as the world's first international hooligans — savage, uncouth, thirsting for a drink and a fight.

Back in Scandinavia, they were considered good family men who respected their women and led quietly industrious lives, with a taste for imported pottery and soft feather bedding.

"The Vikings had a peaceful sub-structure in Scandinavia but were warlike abroad," said Bjorn Ambrosiani, project director of a five-year excavation which has just begun at Birka in the Malaren valley 30 km (18 miles) west of Stockholm.

Archaeological discoveries in the last 150 years have steadily transformed the Viking's image from that of heroic warrior to peaceful trader.

Ambrosiani's dig at Birka on the idyllic island of Björkö, the largest Viking excavation of its kind, seems sure to strengthen the idea of a civilised Viking living in harmony with his neighbours and with nature.

The daily Dagens Nyheter, reviewing a Viking exhibition in Malmö, said the Viking was now ready to join the European Community (EC).

"This year's image is of a cultivated trader and city dweller with international contacts, rather than a rough, bearded fellow looking for a drink and a fight. He is a family man compatible with the EC," it said.

But memories of blood and thunder remain. Reading the runestones scattered round the shores of the Malaren valley, a visitor senses the terror which an approach-

ing Viking longboat must have caused their victims.

"They travelled bravely and far, and in the east gave food to the eagles," a euphemism for slaughter, the stone outside Gripsholm castle says.

Mats Larsson, author of a new book about *Ingvar the Wayfarer's* travels, said at least 10 per cent of the Malaren valley's inhabitants travelled abroad in search of honour and fortune, often as mercenaries.

Ironically, Christian missionaries were arriving at Birka around the same time as Vikings from present-day Denmark and Norway were sacking the monastery of Lindisfarne in northeast England in 793 AD.

A Celtic cross on the weather-smoothed granite of Birka, commemorating the first visit by the German monk Ansgar in 829,

rises above the 2,000 burial mounds which make this the largest funeral site in Scandinavia.

Silver pendants in the form of crosses have been found in some graves, suggesting their owners were Christians. But other burial mounds contained hammers and iron neck-rings dedicated to the pagan god Thor.

The struggle between Christianity and paganism ebbed and flowed on Birka. The islanders responded to Ansgar but soon tired of his successor Gautbert's preaching and chased him away.

Birka, the cardinal point where Swedish urban life, industry and trade began, is attracting thousands of day-trippers aboard modern ferries from Stockholm this summer.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

TUBERCULOSIS BACTERIA NOW USED IN CANCER TREATMENT

QUESTION: After the necessary tests and biopsy, I was told by my doctor that I have a type of bladder cancer that should respond to a new treatment called "BCG." I understand that this is a bacteria that causes tuberculosis, and don't understand how this is used to treat my disease. I can't find any information about it, and hope you may be able to explain it to me. Please!

Answer: Little wonder that you are confused, for this is a brand-new development in the treatment of a type of carcinoma of the bladder known as carcinoma-in-situ. The medication, just recently approved for this use by the Food and Drug Administration is called TheraCys, and is manufactured by Connaught Laboratories Limited, of Toronto, Canada.

The letter "BCG" stand for the "bacillus of Calmette and Guérin," two French researchers who cultured a strain of tuberculosis bacteria in eggs, until it lost its ability to produce the disease in man, but could still stimulate the immune response. Though it was used as vaccine for this purpose in 1924, it is still considered controversial, and while it is used in most Third World countries, it's not widely used in the United States.

In 1976, Dr. Alvaro Morales of Queen's University, in Kingston, Ontario, documented that a different formulation and concentration of BCG was effective in the treatment of bladder cancer patients. The treatment begins from seven to 14 days after a biopsy or bladder surgery, when the medication is placed in the bladder itself. This is repeated each week for six weeks (induction therapy), after which it is followed by a maintenance schedule given at three, six, 12, 18 and 24 months following the initial treatment.

The most common adverse reactions are flu-like symptoms including fever, chills and malaise. The clinical studies showed an average, complete, response rate (that is no recurrence of tumors) of 74 per cent, as compared to 42 per cent with adriamycin, another cancer fighting drug.

Question: Although many doctors were unable to diagnose a very peculiar skin rash, I finally met a doctor with a new gimmick that did the trick. He took me in a dark room, and used a special light on me that made the rash glow in the dark. Within a few seconds he had the answer! I had spent months looking for. Now, can you tell me about that magic light? I'm afraid that my doctor was better at using the lamp than explaining how it works, so it is up to you.

Answer: The name of the "magic lamp" is a Wood's Light that produces black light that is invisible to the eye. Using a mercury vapour source, the light passes through a special nickel-chromium oxide silica filter that transmits long wave ultraviolet radiation. Certain materials, as well as fungi and bacteria (including pseudomonas), "fluoresce" or glow under this light, and can be easily detected. The same light is responsible for many special effects used in theatrical productions.

This technique is useful in recognizing the differences in skin pigmentation, as well as pigmented lesions. Many of the organisms fluoresce in different colours, with the pseudomonas showing up a golden yellow, and the screening works best if the patient has avoided bathing for 24 hours, and when the room is totally dark. Once the Wood's Light has detected the problem, other tests may be used to clinch the diagnosis. Tribune Media Services, Inc.

'Flattop' actor creates well-rounded villain

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): It was something of an honour for actor William Forsythe when director Warren Beatty called on him for the role of Flattop in the film *'Dick Tracy'*.

Among Tracy's gang of adversaries, none looms more nefarious and lethal — and inept, as it turns out — than Flattop.

Followers of the old Chester Gould comic strip will remember Flattop for his weird hairdo, pointed chin and freckles. For two years in 1943-44, Flattop menaced the fearless Flatfoot at every turn.

Flattop was, arguably, more memorable than the other felonious oddballs who dogged Tracy down through the years in the comic pages. Mumbles, Prune Face, Steve the Tramp, the Brow and Shoulders among many lesser thugs.

The character became so much a factor in the comic strip that when Gould finally ran out of ideas for further Flattop felonies, the cartoonist killed him off.

Tracy was not to meet a worse scoundrel even to this day.

Flowers and notes of condolence were sent to newspapers from readers around the country who bemoaned Flattop's demise.

It was, therefore, something of a coup to have Beatty call on Forsythe to play Flattop in his *'Dick Tracy'* movie. Further, he was the first performer in the cast to be nailed down for a role. And, at the time, he didn't know Dustin Hoffman would be coming aboard to play Mumbles and Al Pacino would set new standards for comic heavies as Big Boy Caprice.

Moreover, Beatty would cast Mandy Patinkin as 8 keys and Paul Sorvino as Lips Manis.

Aside from the big-name actors in relatively small roles, Forsythe probably created as much impact as the sleazy, shifty-eyed Flattop.

There was only one catch. Forsythe had to spend more than three hours in makeup every morning for five and a half months during production. Then another 40 minutes at the end of the day having the makeup removed.

"I put that makeup on and took it off more than 30 times during the course of the pictures," Forsythe said. "I'd get to the set at 3 or 4 in the morning and I'd still be there to take it off when everyone had gone home."

"The makeup artists applied a dozen different latex prosthetic pieces to my face every day, then capped it off with flat wig."

Forsythe knew from the beginning that no one would recognise him under all the latex and the crazy hair piece, so it couldn't help his career or establish more clearly his identity with movie-

goers. Forsythe is no newcomer to movies. His credits included *'Weeks'*, *'Extreme Prejudice'*, *'Raising Arizona'*, *'Once Upon a Time in America'*, and *'Dead Bang'*, so, *'Dick Tracy'*, could not have appeared to be much of a career vehicle. But it paid well and kept him busy for almost six months.

"My own mother would't have recognised me except maybe for the gap in my teeth and the twinge in my voice," Forsythe said, good-naturedly. "Actually, Warren wooed me for the role and called me in for a meeting. Two days later he asked me to come back. He is a very thorough filmmaker. After our first meeting he watched all of my film work before offering me the opportunity to play Flattop."

"It was a relatively small role, but I wanted to make the most of it. Once I agreed to do the part I got my hands on every piece of

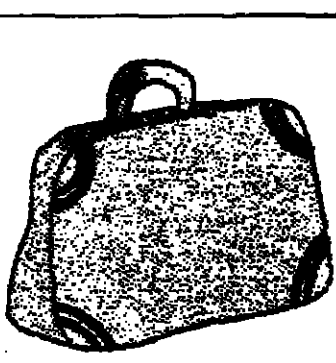
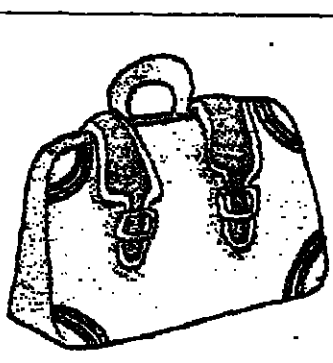
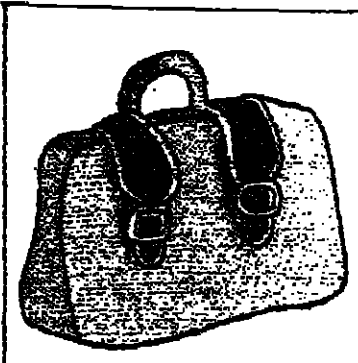
Gould's comic strip I could find involving Flattop. I wanted to find the essence of where Flattop was coming from — his cunning, his faraway look and his betrayal of everyone.

"Because there were so many characters involved in *'Dick Tracy'*, I never had the chance to give Flattop his full range. "I was always fascinated by what was happening in every scene Flattop was in, so I had always thinking and plotting on his own. No matter what the other criminals were coming up with, he was double-crossing and conniving throughout the picture."

"I loved the exercise of creating a whole new screen character. I could have played six different characters inside that same makeup, doing a variety of things with my face."

"Working with Hoffman and Pacino was very special."

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The Martians have landed

Four children were playing, down in the glen
David, Peter, Sarah and Ben
"The Martians have landed" one of them said
They all stood still, and looked, and stared
A bright light was shining above from afar
"It could be the lights of an oncoming car"
"But cars don't come down here," whispered Ben
David said: "It could be a helicopter then"
"What are they looking for?" Sarah did ask
While Peter, just carried on with his task
Of building a den, made of sticks
And one or two available bricks
As the bright light came nearer, they hid behind trees
Sarah was trembling a bit, at the knees
It stopped just above and shone down on them
Down came a rope ladder, down to the glen
A man climbed half way and peered at the den
"Is somebody there? you must come out
Don't be afraid!" the voice did shout
David, the eldest stepped into view
He looked at the man and said "who are you?"

Dorothy Howell,
Maldethorpe,
UK.

Ha!

'Doctor, doctor! I feel I'm an
apple!
'Well, come over here — I
won't bite you.'

'Doctor, doctor! I keep think-
ing I'm invisible!
'Who's that?'

Series

How many balls are in the air? How many are on the ground? How
many are in the basket? How many balls are there altogether?



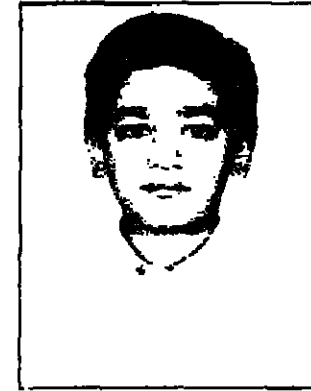
Happy birthday



Meera Karunanithy turned
5 on July 27.



Hilton Jacob turned 2 on
July 27.



Frank D'Souza turns 12 on
August 1.



Hetal Panchal turns 9
today, July 31.

Amazing facts

In the Solomon Islands lengths of vegetable fibre plaited with
flying fox teeth were used as money.

The last British king to take part in a battle was George II at the
Battle of Dettingen in 1743.

Anna Karenina, heroine of Leo Tolstoy's book, died in a railway
station. In 1910 Tolstoy himself died in a railway station.

State Treasurer of Texas in the 1930s was a 3-foot-9-inch midget.

In Killarney, Ireland, at the Eagle's Nest Cave, you will be told
that if you sound a bugle note there you will hear it repeated at
least a hundred times.

The Portuguese Man-o'-War (jelly-fish) is not one single animal
but a colony of small animals.

Between 1500 and 1600 the stock of precious metals in Europe
trebled.

The diprotodon (or giant wombat) lived in Australia 500,000
years ago in large numbers. It was the same size as a rhinoceros.

In Norway many cottages have grass roofs.

There are known to be 1000 million galaxies in the universe —
there may be many more.

A citizen of Michigan USA received a postcard in February 1976
that had been mailed 68 years before addressed to his grand-
father.

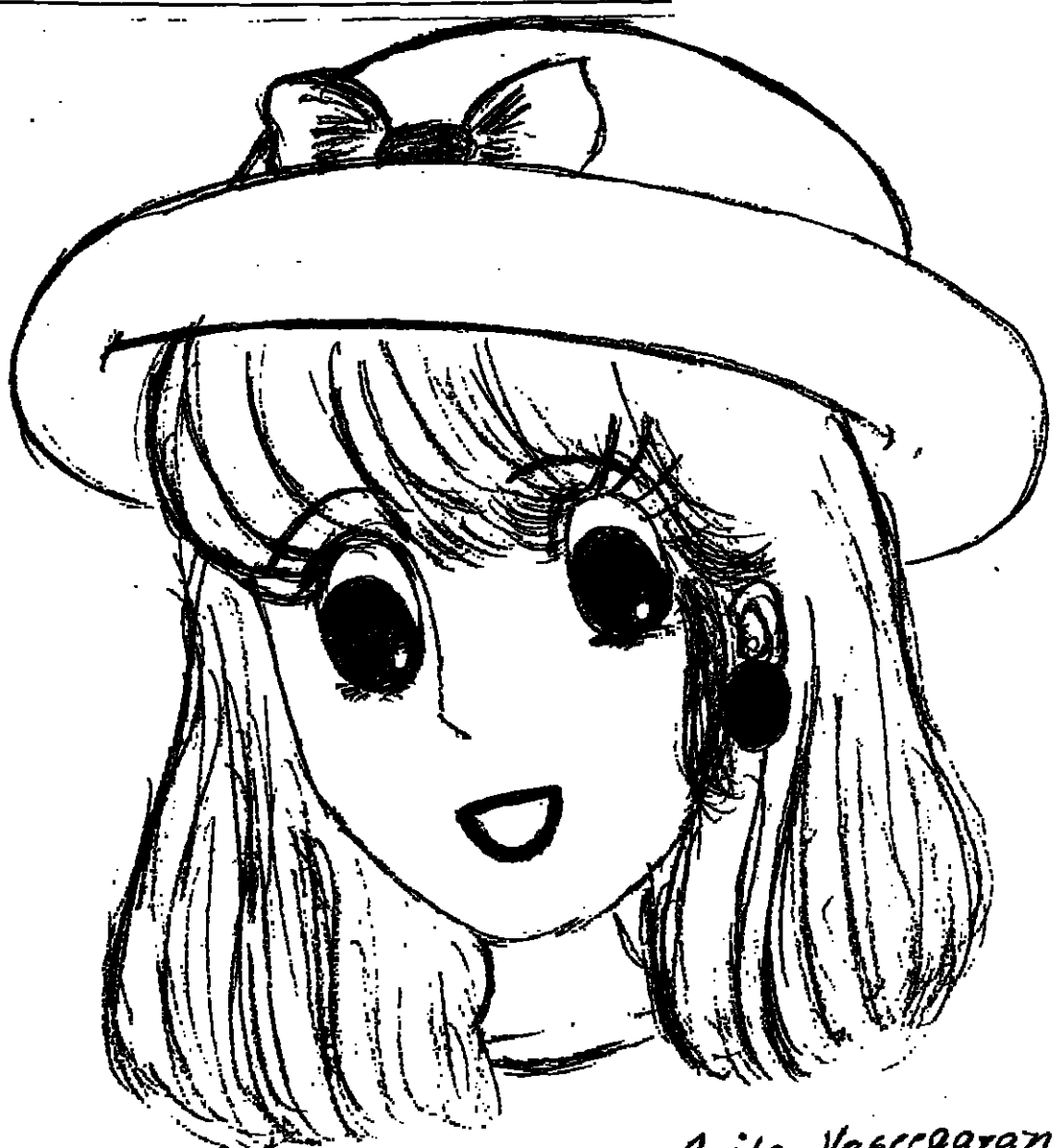
In most countries more women than men attempt suicide, but
more men succeed in their attempts.

In Queensland, Australia, there is a wild-goat milking contest —
but competitors have first to catch their goat.

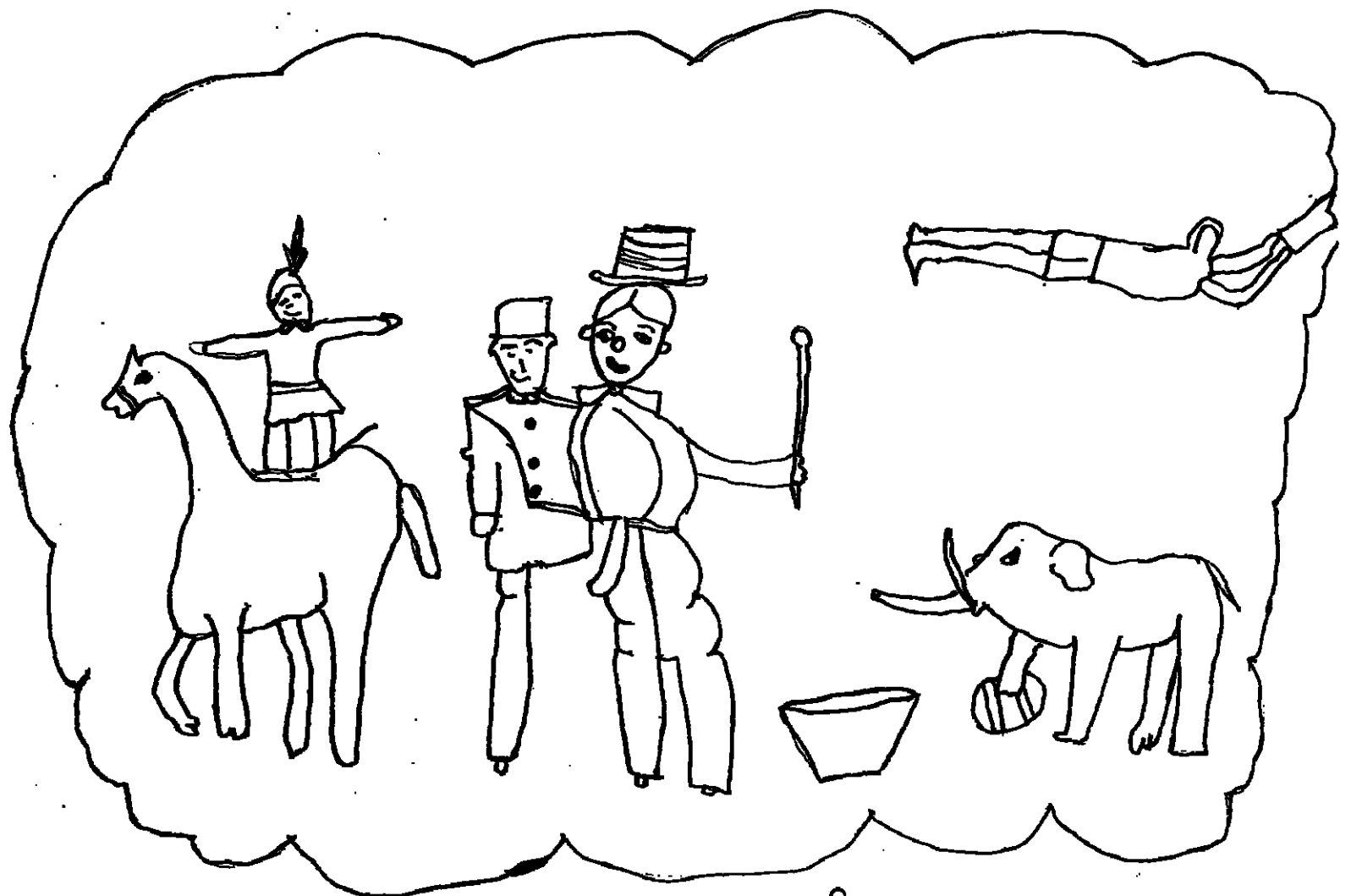
Queen Elizabeth I had 2,000 gowns which were kept in a separate
clothing house.

A Chicago man at the age of 63 walked a mile an hour for 1,000
consecutive hours.

Your Work



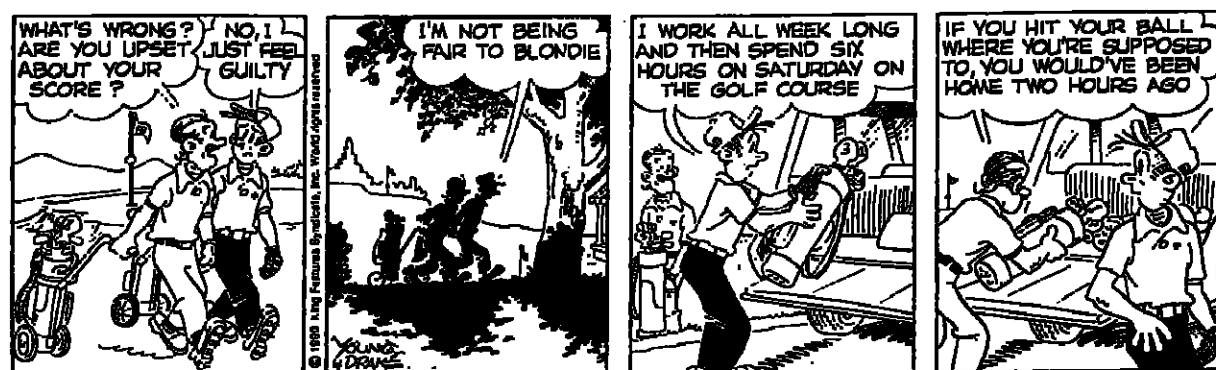
Anita Vascegaran
13 years Old
Carmel School



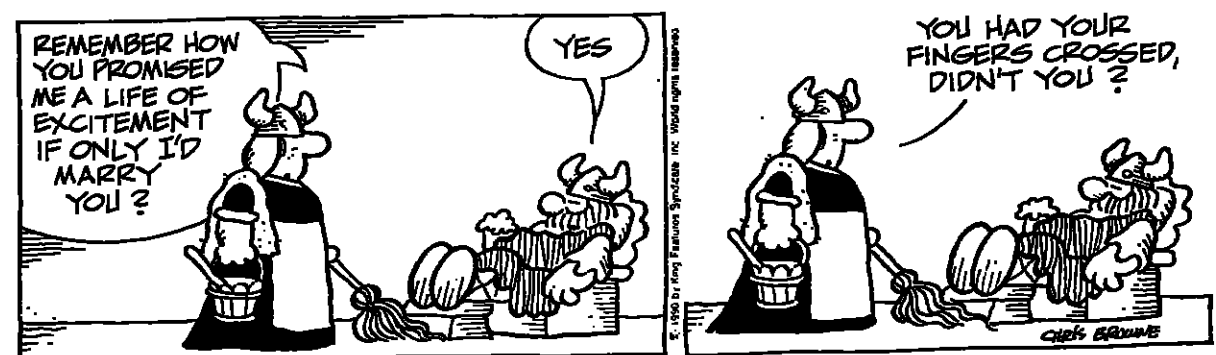
A Circus

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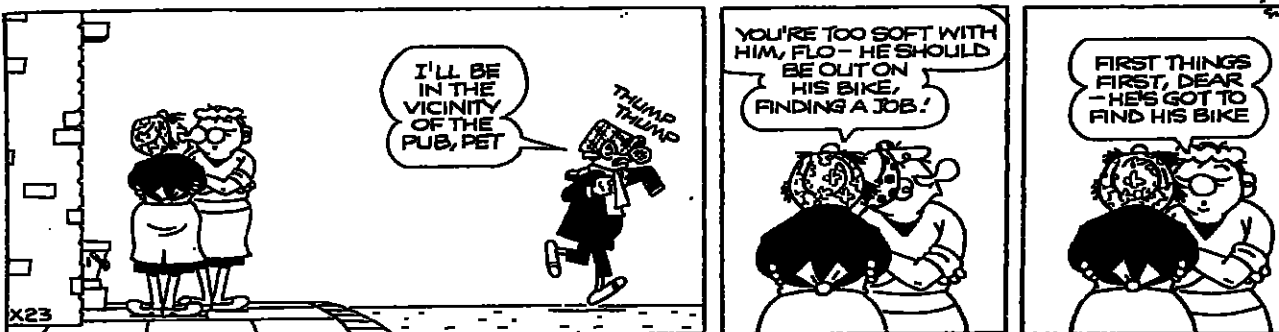
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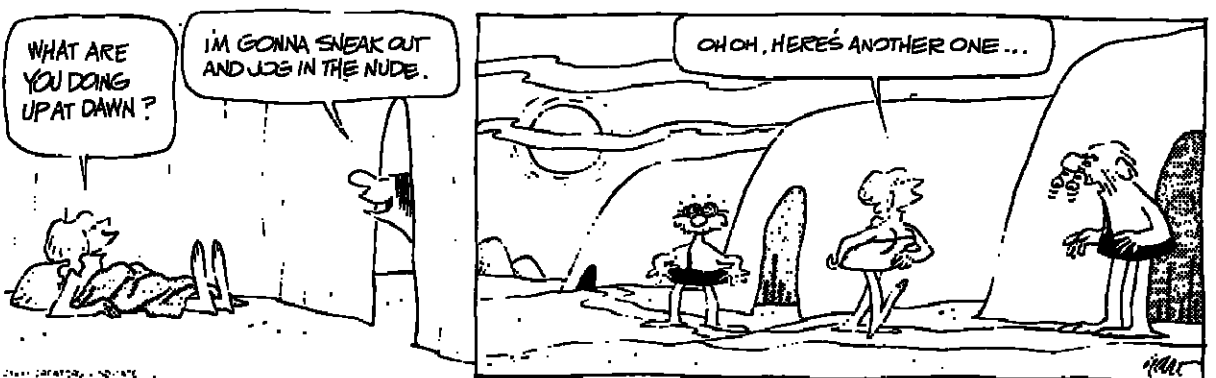
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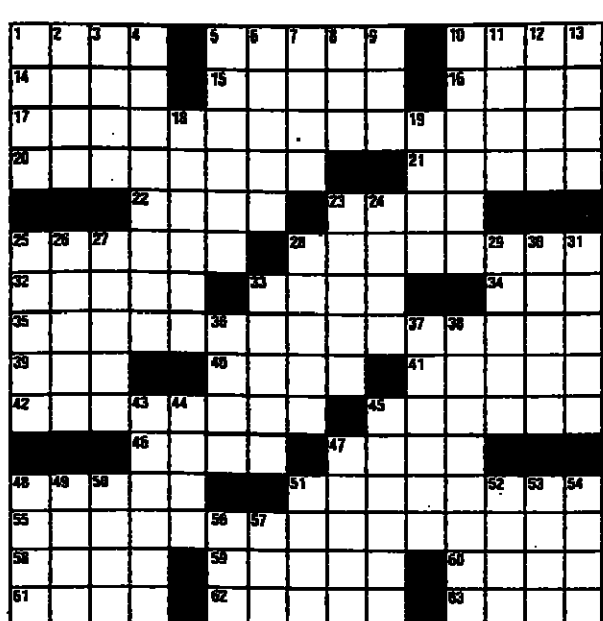
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TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Form of self-defense
 - Treaty town in the Netherlands
 - Protection
 - Norwegian saint
 - Buenos
 - Fine fur
 - Juicy fruit for an actress?
 - Van Gogh painted here
 - Barrie's pirate
 - Sharp tooth
 - Dressed like Nero
 - Marched in protest
 - Kennedy's Interior Secy.
 - Bridge feat
 - "Got A Secret"
 - A Golden Girl's retail events?
 - ike's command
 - Cries over spilled milk
 - Salesperson
 - "As You Like It"
 - Cine et al.
 - Catcher's glove
 - Nap
 - Open-mouthed
 - Chino or chintz
 - Topper for a singer?
 - State
 - Oise feeder
 - Tari of "Tootsie"
 - Lacoste of tennis
 - Full of hot air
 - Steinbeck character
- DOWN**
- Laughingstock
 - Bator
 - Item in a quiver
 - Use too much seasoning
 - Pampered
 - Valley on the moon
 - Time periods
 - Winter time abbr.
 - Make a request
 - Come into view
 - Word with Friday or friend
 - Regarding
 - "The — the Limit"
 - That is to say
 - Lending establishment
 - Decreases
 - Top
 - Fleshy root
 - "Joy": Part of Beethoven's 9th
 - Los — Calif.
 - Labored
 - diligently
 - Mah-jongg pieces
 - One and all
 - Workplaces
 - Go back and forth
 - Document
 - Ascended
 - One's trusted friend
 - Unit of electricity
 - Positions for Player
 - Supreme Court justice: 1912-22
 - Chess pieces
 - Slightly open
 - Donated
 - So be it!
 - Dramatist Hart
 - Where Baghdad is capital
 - Foxhole of WWI
 - Orpheus's instrument
 - A base, in baseball
 - Inlet

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

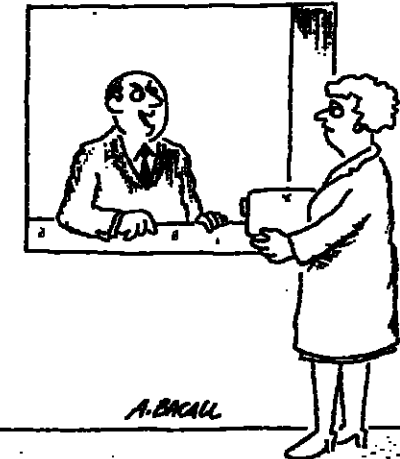
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARF
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

- Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ KQ7 ♥ AJ93 ♦ K843 ♣ KJ
West North East South
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ ?
What action do you take?
- Q.2—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ Void ♥ AKQ54 ♦ J876 ♣ J752
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♠ Dbl Pass 2 ♣
3 ♠ ?
What action do you take?
- Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ KQJ7652 ♥ 8 ♦ 5 ♣ K854
As dealer, what action do you take?
- Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ AJ2 ♥ 76 ♦ 953 ♣ AJ872
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♥ 1 ♠ ?
What do you bid now?
- Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 6 ♥ A84 ♦ Q1095 ♣ KQJ63
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?
- Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ AJ2 ♥ 76 ♦ 953 ♣ AJ872
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♥ 1 ♠ ?
What do you bid now?

COMPLAINTS



"Does the warranty say twelve CONSECUTIVE months?"



"That's just the way NOT to get a United Germany, mein herr..."

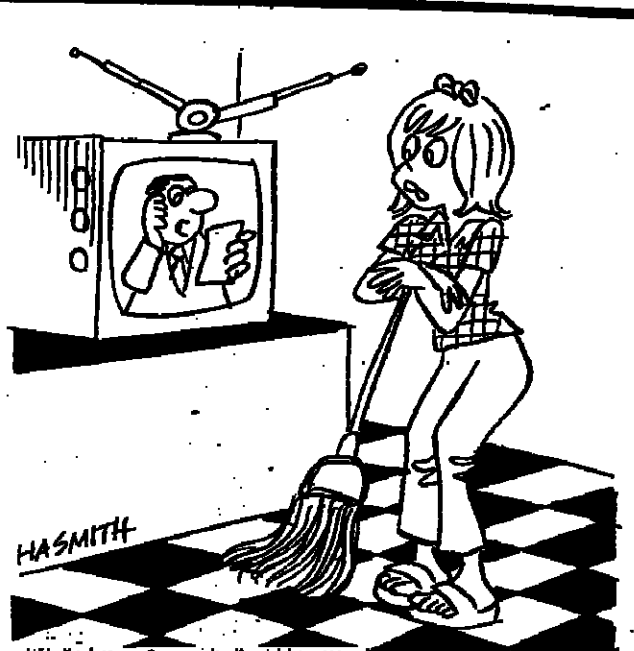
"It's OK for you! You only see them when they're straight out and ready for bed!"

YOUR STARS

- Aries** March 21 - April 20
You are rather reluctant to get down to things and should try to summon up a little more will power. Do your best to avoid allowing yourself to be distracted. Do not let secondary considerations become uppermost. Be prompt.
- Cancer** June 21 - July 20
You should not allow yourself to be swayed by irrational considerations. Nothing will proceed quite as swiftly as you would wish so avoid wasting time. Do not get mixed up in a matter that does not concern you. Be sympathetic.
- Libra** Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
You will have something to be proud of but you would do well not to boast about it. Something you thought you had last will turn up where you would least have expected to find it. You should make sure you do not do anything to injure your health. Be moderate.
- Capricorn** Dec. 21 - Jan. 19
Try to avoid letting yourself stray into silly thoughts. You will have the presence of mind to do what has to be done but you must stick to essentials too. Try to show a little more generosity towards others. Be sensible.
- Taurus** April 21 - May 20
You should try to show a little more understanding for a problem concerning one of your close friends. Take rather better care of your health. Stick to what is strictly practical, not so much dreaminess. Be to the point.
- Leo** July 21 - Aug. 21
You will not be in the best of moods and must beware of annoying others. Do not always insist on having the last word. Watch out for mistakes your own no less than those made by other. Be helpful.
- Scorpio** Oct. 23 - Nov. 22
Avoid spending too much time in front of a television set. Do not spend more than you can comfortably afford. Do not allow yourself to get into a muddle and do not panic over small setbacks. Be tolerant.
- Aquarius** Jan. 20 - Feb. 19
You would do well to give others the benefit of any doubt. You will be able to reconcile yourself with a friend with whom you have quarrelled and should take the opportunity. Avoid becoming too reliant on gadgets. Be fair.
- Gemini** May 21 - June 20
You will be able to deal with a current problem only if you do not stray from the point. Do not allow yourself to become sidetracked. Make sure you do not do anything that might offend your partner. Be more attentive.
- Virgo** Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
You will be able to do what you had long wanted to do but it will not come quite up to expectations. An old friend will come to you for advice and comfort and you should not let him down. Do not make too much noise. Be pleasant.
- Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 22
You are too liable to jump to conclusions and should think a little longer and carefully. Your lucky numbers are 15 and 26. If you think you are always right you are very wrong. Concern yourself more with your personal appearance. Be factual.
- Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20
Avoid spending money on what you do not really need just because it seems cheap. Avoid trying to do too much all at once. Do not place too much reliance in guesswork. You will be able to rid yourself of some groundless fears. Be practical.



"Yes, this is a quaint old place, I only wish they had quaint old prices."



"Will Claudia survive the operation or will the actress portraying her refuse our producer's latest wage offer?"

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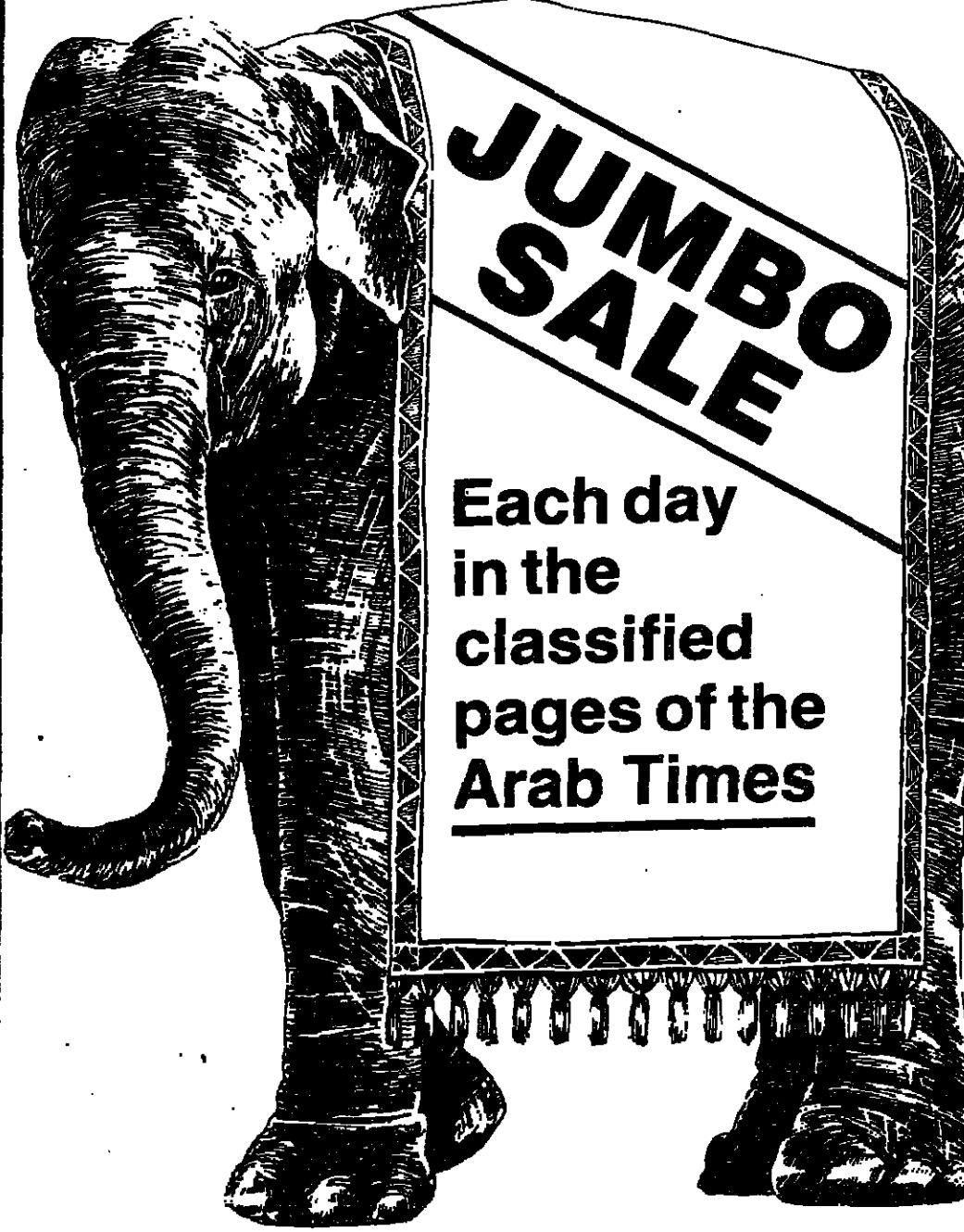
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US beat Soviets for Cup

ATLANTA, July 30, (Reuters): The United States successfully defended the Federation Cup when Zina Garrison and Gigi Fernandez combined to win a tense deciding doubles match against the Soviet pair of Natalia Zvereva and Larisa Savchenko yesterday.

The 6-4 6-3 victory over the more experienced Soviet pair, the number two doubles team in the world, gave the top-seeded United States a 2-1 win over the fourth-seeded Soviet Union after the two countries had split their singles matches.

Zvereva, ranked 12th in the world, beat the fifth-ranked Garrison 4-6 6-3 after 14-year-old Jennifer Capriati had defeated Laila Meskhi 7-6 (7-3) 6-2.

The United States has now won half of the 28 Federation Cups, the women's equivalent of the Davis Cup.

In a doubles match that saw many exciting points with both teams firing at point-blank range across the net, neither side held serve until Garrison did it at love to put the Americans up 4-3. Fernandez also held at 5-4 and Savchenko, who held only once during the entire match, was broken for the 6-4 first-set result.

The Americans led 3-1 and 5-2 in the second set and converted their first match point at love in the ninth game of the second set as Zvereva appeared to tire in the hot Georgia sun more than Garrison after their one hour, 55 minutes singles match.

Holders
The Soviet pair, winners of the 1989 French Open and holders of nine doubles titles, had lost to Garrison and Fernandez in their only other meeting.

After the match, Fernandez, 26, was asked if she had ever felt so excited on a tennis court. Fernandez replied: "Never, ever. This is great, the best feeling."

Fernandez was the glue that held the American together, during the match and even before. Garrison said she had been "pretty down" after her singles loss, but "Gigi told me to relax and we were going to win the doubles."

In the singles Garrison, who lost to Martina Navratilova in this year's Wimbledon final, did nothing to erase her reputation as being unable to win the big matches, although at Wimbledon she had beaten Helena Sukova, Monica Seles and world number one Steffi Graf to get as far as she did.

In the quarter-finals here, Garrison had also lost to Czechoslovakia's Jana Novotna before redeeming herself with a doubles win.

Garrison, 26, looked to be on track, when in the fourth game of the first set and facing double break point, she won the next nine points to hold serve and break her 19-year-old opponent at love. That put her up 4-2 and she closed the set out at 6-4.

But in the second set she held serve only once while being broken four times and the clever Russian player held twice for a 6-3 second set.

Waving
In the third set, Garrison fell behind to Zvereva 0-4 and could not climb back into the match despite exhortations from the US crowd and Capriati, who stood waving her fist and leading the chants of "USA, USA."

Garrison held off one match point on her own serve in the eighth game of the set in the next game netted a backhand on the second match point to lose to Zvereva for the second time in five meetings.

The 13th-ranked Capriati, in her first match with the 25th-rated Meskhi, won in just under 1-1/2 hours.
As she had on Saturday against Austria's Barbara Paulus, Capriati, who has not dropped a set here, lost her first two games. But she climbed back into the match and went out to a 5-4 lead on a nice backhand overhead at the net after Meskhi, 22, brought her there with a drop shot.

Capriati failed to convert a set point at 30-40, Meskhi serving, and after a hard-fought 12th game it went to the tiebreaker. Capriati earned match point on a smash from the net after hitting deep into Meskhi's backhand corner, then won the tiebreaker 7-3 from the baseline when Meskhi netted a forehand.

Errors
The second set went more routinely as Meskhi, who was broken in the first game, made errors and could not chase down Capriati's balls. At 5-2, Capriati went up 40-0 for triple match point, which she quickly converted with a forehand winner.

The Soviet Union had been in the final once before, losing to Czechoslovakia in 1988 in Melbourne.



Capriati reacts after her win over Meskhi. (Reuters wirephoto)

Millat pip Gymkhana

MILLAT Cricket Club defeated Sharq Gymkhana by one wicket in a Ramli Summer Cricket Tournament match at the Ramli ground earlier this week.

Millat won the toss and put Sharq Gymkhana into bat. Sharq Gymkhana started their innings disastrously, losing five wickets in just five overs for only 30 runs.

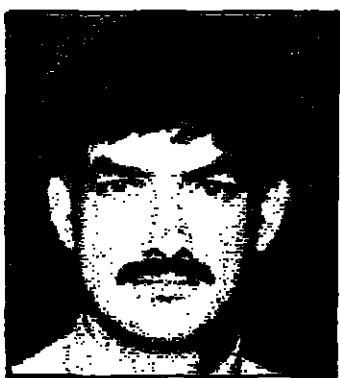
Gymkhana's tailenders, however, managed to take their team to 112 in 23 overs. Amjad Bashir and Iqbal Lodhi were the

main wicket-takers for Millat with three each while Ansar got two.

Millat opened their innings through Parvez Ali and Ansar but lost the latter for only 12 runs. Millat started losing their wickets at regular intervals before Parvez and Amjad Bashir took their team to victory. Parvez hit 43 runs while Amjad took only 16 balls to score 31. He hit four fours and a six. Millat are now in the semifinal of the tournament.



Parvez Ali



Amjad Bashir

Sanchez opts out of event

MONTREAL, July 30, (UPI): Arantxa Sanchez Vicario has withdrawn from the \$600,000 Player's Challenge women's tennis tournament, forcing a redraw of the main singles event scheduled which began today.

The young Spaniard suffered an ankle injury Saturday at the Federation Cup competition in Atlanta.

Sanchez Vicario, 18, had been seeded third in the Player's Challenge. The withdrawal follows the announcement Saturday that second seeded Monica Seles was withdrawing due to a wrist injury suffered in practice a day earlier. World Tennis Association rules stipulate that should two of the top four seeds withdraw from a match, the event must be redrawn.

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Despite knocking down the last fence in the closing show jumping, Tait finished with 55.15 penalty points and had little problem holding off Britain's Ian Stark on Murphy Himself.

Stark finished second with 60.85, a ride that also put Britain in second place in the team competition.

It was a great triumph for New Zealand who in 1986 saw team rider Tink Pottinger hold a commanding lead after the cross-country in Gawler, Australia, only to be eliminated due to a leg injury to her horse.

"Whatever we experienced in the past is eclipsed. This is a climax for eventing in New Zealand," said team chief Denis Pain.

American Bruce Davidson finished third with 70.25, putting the US team in fourth place behind West Germany.

Andrew Nicholson on Spinning Rhombus hit three fences but still came in fourth with 71.4 to help assure New Zealand of

Arabs to back Morocco bid for 1998 Cup

TUNIS, July 30, (Kuna): Arab youth and sports ministers, who would up two days of deliberations here last night, have decided to back Morocco's bid to host the 1998 World Cup.

The ministers also agreed to form a follow-up and support committee, which includes among its members deputy chairman of FIFA Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah and chairman of the Arab Federation for sports at the FIFA Prince Faisal Bin Fahd.

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World No.24 joins \$1 million club

Chang edges past Berger

TORONTO, July 30, (Reuters): Michael Chang won his first tournament title of '90 with a 4-6 6-3 7-6 (7-3) win over Jay Berger yesterday at the \$1.2 million Canadian Open Tennis Championships.

The 24th-ranked Chang's \$155,000 winner's cheque puts him in the \$1 million club for career prize money.

"It feels good," said the 18-year-old Chang, who should venture back into the top 10 with his win. "I think my first priority as far as tennis is concerned is not making money. My priority is to be the best in the world — the best I can be."

Wanted

The problem with the Berger-Chang combination appeared to be that neither player wanted to lose — but neither one seemed anxious to win.

The proof was in the two hours and 30 minutes it took to stage their centre-court performance in brutal 104-degree (F) temperatures.

The difference between the fourth-seeded Berger and the seventh-seeded Chang was minimal.

"He played better than me in just a tiebreaker today," said the 25th-ranked Berger, who takes home \$81,620.

Each game — indeed each point — between the two amounted to a marathon. In the time it took them to finish a single game other players could have played an entire set.

There were 12 service breaks in the match and an unbelievable 35 break opportunities overall. In the third set there were six breaks in 12 games. Even the tiebreaker had six mini-breaks in 10 points played.

Chang and Berger are both retrievers — willing to run any which way to recover the ball. Both will venture to the net when necessary, but it is Berger who tends to frequent the volley zone.

In the third set, Chang had a chance to go ahead 4-1 when he had four break points on Berger's serve. But the tenacious

Berger held serve. After two more breaks and both players holding, it was tiebreak time.

Berger tired in the tiebreak at the wrong times, which led to crucial errors. Berger double-faulted and hit a backhand volley wide to give Chang a 4-1 lead.

Berger recaptured one mini-break in the seventh point, but Chang broke again for 6-2 when Berger hit a forehand way long. "I was lucky to hang in there and stay with him," Chang admitted. "At the end of the third set, I was struggling."



Chang sends a return to Berger. (Reuters wirephoto)

US clinch Curtis Cup

BERNARDSVILLE, New Jersey, July 30, (Reuters): An American team led by a pair of hard-hitting teen-agers captured its first Curtis Cup golf victory in six years yesterday, crushing a Great Britain-Ireland team 14-4 at the Somerset Hills Country Club.

The Americans clinched their 20th Cup overall in the 26th biennial tournament when 18-year-old Brandie Burton drilled a 6-foot putt to eliminate Britain's Catriona Lambert on the 15th hole, 4 and 3.

This came only moments after 17-year-old American Vicki Goetze clinched her match against Britain's Helen Dobson on the same hole when Dobson missed a five-foot putt and Goetze sank a two-footer.

"It felt great," said Goetze, who compared the win to her 1989 victory in the women's US Amateur Open. "It was much better. It was like we were representing our country."

The victory was the second-most lopsided scored in the Cup's history. In 1982, the United States won 14-1/2 to 3-1/2.

The Curtis Cup, the women's equivalent of the men's Walker Cup, has pit the best amateur female golfers from the United States against a combined Great Britain-Ireland team since 1932.

Great Britain has held the Cup since 1986. And before the match, American team captain Leslie Shannon had set her sights on bringing the trophy back home.

In Grand Blanc, Michigan, playing nearly an hour before the leaders, Chip Beck fired a final round seven-under 65 for a four-day total 16-under 272 to win \$180,000 at the \$1 million Buick Open contested yesterday at the Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club.

Beck started the day eight shots behind leader Hale Irwin and his come-from-behind margin is the largest this year on the PGA Tour.

The victory for Beck was his third in his career, but his first in 27 months after winning the USF and G Classic April 1988.

Beck's largest paycheck of his career boosted his current money to \$315,379, good for 21st on the money list.

Captured

In Bethesda, Maryland, Beth Daniel captured her 22nd career title and her first major championship title yesterday by defeating Rosie Jones by one stroke in the \$1 million Mazda LPGA Championship, the first ever \$1 million purse on the LPGA Tour.

The contest went down to the final hole with Rosie Jones rinning out a 35-foot putt that would have tied her with Daniel and sent play into extra holes. Daniel started the day at one-over-par, five shots off the lead set by third round leader Jones.

In Turnberry, Scotland, Gary Player survived a test of endurance at gale-lashed Turnberry yesterday to regain the British Open seniors crown.

The South African shot a final round of 75 as the winds battered the Ayrshire course for a one-stroke victory over American Deane Beman and Briton Brian Waites.

Player, one of the few men to have won all four of golf's majors, finished with a level par total of 280 as



McAllister shows off his trophy. (Reuters wirephoto)



Player won the British Open seniors tourney.

Beman went round in 81 to miss out by a single shot.

And in Zandvoort, Netherlands, a modest level par final round was enough for Britain's Stephen McAllister to lift the Dutch Open title yesterday, his second European golf circuit success this season. He led throughout.

The Scot's closing 70 for a six-under total of 274 and the absence of a serious challenge resulted in a four-shot win worth \$106,000.

Briton Roger Chapman could do no better than 71 and finished second while defending champion Jose-Maria Olazabal of Spain was third. He closed in 71 for 279.

Boston trounce Detroit

BOSTON, July 30, (AP): Detroit had double trouble yesterday and Boston batters were the cause in the American League baseball game.

Wade Boggs hit three of Boston's American League record 12 doubles and drove in four runs as the Red Sox beat the Tigers 13-3.

Boston's doubles broke the previous AL record of 11, set by the Tigers against the New York Yankees on July 14, 1934. The Major League record of 13 was set by the St. Louis Cardinals against the Chicago Cubs on July 12, 1931.

Jody Reed doubled twice to raise his Major League-leading total to 37. Ellis Burks also doubled twice and Randy Kutcher, Mike Greenwell and Carlos Quintana each doubled once. Yankees 8, Indians 5.

Yankees 4, Indians 3.

In Cleveland, Robert Kelly homered twice, drove in five runs and scored three as New York swept its second doubleheader from the Indians in three days.

Kelly hit a solo home run and drove in four runs in the first game, then led off the second game with his eighth home run. Despite winning four of five games against the Indians, New York still has baseball's worst record at 38-61. Cleveland has lost 10 of its last 13.

Tim Leary (5-13) won the first game, Eric Plunk (4-2) won the second and Greg Cadaret saved both, becoming the first Yankee other than Dave Righetti to get a save this season.

Bud Black (9-6) lost the first game and Cecilio Guante (2-3), making his first start in 363 career appearances, lost the second game.

Brewers 8, White Sox 8.

Gary Sheffield singled off Scott Radinsky (6-1) in Chicago to break an 11th-inning tie after a 40-minute rain delay and Greg Brock followed with a two-run single.

After Steve Lyons hit an RBI double in the bottom of the 11th off Randy Veres and scored on, Scott Fletcher's single, Tom Edens came in and got two outs for his first career save.

Blue Jays 10, Rangers 8.

In Toronto, Fred McGriff and Manny Lee drove in three runs each and first baseman Rafael Palmeiro's fourth-inning error allowed the go-ahead run to score.

Toronto trailed 7-5 in the fourth but took the lead with four runs. McGriff tied the score with a two-run single and Palmeiro misplayed Pat Borders' grounder as George Bell scored.

Jim Acker (2-2) was the winner, allowing four hits in 2 1/2 scoreless innings. Craig McMurry (0-1) was the loser, giving up three hits and four runs without getting an out.

Orioles 4, Royals 1.

Brady Anderson led off the Orioles-Royals game in Kansas City with one of Baltimore's four doubles.

John Mitchell (3-3), given a 2-0 lead in the first inning, allowed four hits in 7 1/3 innings.

Results

American League		
(1) NY Yankees	8	Cleveland
(2) Cleveland	4	NY Yankees
Boston	13	Detroit
Toronto	10	Texas
Minnesota	6	Oakland
Milwaukee	9	Chicago WS
Baltimore	4	Kansas City
California	6	Seattle
National League		
Chicago Cubs	2	Montreal
Pittsburgh	2	Philadelphia
San Francisco	4	Cincinnati
Los Angeles	4	Atlanta
St. Diego	9	Houston
NY Mets	6	St. Louis



New Zealand's winning team. From left: Andrew Scott, Tait, Nicholson and Todd. (Reuters wirephoto)

the team gold.

A third New Zealander, Olympic champion Mark Todd, rode one of the few clear rounds on Bahluu and finished fifth overall.

Defending champion Virginia Leng of Britain, who finished in 48th place after a fall in the cross-country on Saturday, was quick to congratulate the winning

team.

"It is wonderful to see a combination like Blyth and Messiah win," she said.

By yesterday's show jumping a total of 17 horses had been eliminated or retired from the three-day event.

One horse, the 12-year old mare October, ridden by Danish



The president of the International Equestrian Federation Princess Anne talks to Tait. (Reuters wirephoto)

Kalinina takes three more golds

Yugoslavs tame US for title



Bogunskaja (right) congratulates Kalinina on her victory. Right: Andrade (left) of Brazil is pushed by Soviet Union's Iktor Bereznoi in the Goodwill Games basketball tournament's bronze medal match. The Soviets won 109-103. (Reuters wirephotos)

Duran wants to win world titles over 3 decades

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, July 30. (AP) Time might have taken its toll on a career that goes back to 1967, but Roberto Duran is aiming to set a record.

"I want to be one of the few Latin boxers to have fought in four different decades. If I win a title next year I will also be the only man to win titles in three different decades," Duran, 39, said at a recent boxing card. "Decades are what keep me in boxing."

The Panamanian, who has won four world titles, stopped Ken Buchanan for the lightweight title in 1972. He won the welterweight title in 1980 with a decision over Sugar Ray Leonard.

Duran said that his next title will be a super middleweight crown. The super middleweights are a division that have attracted little attention until recently when both Tommy Hearns and Leonard won titles in that division. The two men are the only boxers to have won five world titles.

Luis de Cubas, Duran's promoter since 1987, said he's working to get the Panamanian a super middleweight tune-up bout for September in Taiwan against Crandall King.

Interested

The Miami-based De Cubas said that he is trying to arrange the bout through Seattle promoter Bill Wheeler, who recently tried to get promoter Don King interested in a Mike Tyson-George Foreman bout.

The next bout would hopefully be against WBC super middleweight champ Lindell Holmes, who at 32 is no youngster either.

"His handlers approached us about Holmes fighting Roberto," De Cubas said. Duran said that if he wins his fifth title, he will defend the crown only once and then retire to become a salsa singer. He was accompanied here by salsa star Ismael Miranda.

In 1983, Duran, who had already been written off, stopped Davey Moore for the World Boxing Association junior middleweight crown.

Duran had another revival last year when he won by decision against Iran Barkley for the World Boxing Council. The victory opened the way for a rematch with Leonard in December 1989, which Duran lost by decision.

He is quick to add that he overtrained for Leonard, which left him with too little energy to beat his rival.

Duran might have to train hard to lose some extra baggage if he wants to get in the ring in September. He said the Taiwan bout would be at the 165-pound (74.7 kilo) limit. Duran says he now weighs 196 (88.8).

Barcelona win

TOKYO, July 30. (UPI) Spanish World Cup striker Julio Salinas scored two second-half goals yesterday to help Barcelona come from behind to beat the Japan Soccer League selection 4-2 in the JAL Cup Soccer '90.

Japan took a 14th minute lead through Koichi Hashiratani only to see Aitor Beguiristain equalize six minutes later.

Carlos Renato Federiro restored the home team's advantage with a header three minutes into the second half.

SEATTLE, July 30. (UPI) Team play and experience proved more valuable than individual stars last night at the Goodwill Games, resulting in a basketball gold medal for Yugoslavia and yet another disappointment for the United States.

The Yugoslavs claimed an 85-79 victory, highlighted by Toni Kukoc's three-point basket with 2:30 to play that slowed a US comeback. A fumbled pass by Doug Smith with less than a minute to play ended the United States' hopes.

Yugoslavia's triumph came on a day otherwise dominated by Soviet gymnasts and US cyclists and on which the United States baseball team kept its hopes alive for the gold medal by overwhelming Mexico.

All-around champion Natalya Kalinina added three golds to her haul, shooting the Soviet Union past the United States in the medal race with a full week left in the Goodwill Games. The US cycling squad claimed four of the five golds available.

Their success in gymnastics and weightlifting gave the Soviets a 140-124 medal lead over the United States. The Soviet Union also took the lead in golds, 52-50.

Away from the competition, meanwhile, police began searching for a Soviet amateur dancer who had come to Seattle as part of the Goodwill Games cultural exchange and who missed his flight home.

Aleksandr Kolupaev, 25, of Kirov did not board his scheduled flight Saturday afternoon and had not contacted his host family for more than 24 hours, said Clint Staaf of Seattle. Kolupaev's host.

The United States basketball team was hoping to atone for its loss in the 1988 Olympics and another setback to the Soviet Union earlier in these games. But it fell on its face during the final 10 minutes.

The United States trailed by three at the half and, midway through the second period, it was still only a two-point Yugoslavian lead.

But the Yugoslavs ran off seven straight points, the last two coming when two US players accidentally tipped the ball into the basket while fighting for a rebound.

Yugoslavia's lead eventually grew to 11 before the United States ran off a seven-point streak to get within four with three minutes left. Kukoc then hit his three-pointer to slow down the United States.

The United States still had a chance for a win, however, trailing by three with less than a minute left and owning the ball. A pass from guard Kenny Anderson in the lane to Smith, however, slipped off Smith's hands and out of bounds — effectively ending the US chances.

Kalinina won the all-around gymnastics title Saturday night by beating world champion Svetlana Bogunskaja in a battle of Soviet stars. Kalinina also was a member of the gold medal-winning Soviet team.

She came back last night to win three golds and a silver in the four apparatus finals. Bogunskaja tied Kalinina in the floor exercise event to also win a gold and claimed a bronze on the beam. Kim Zmeskal of the United States captured bronzes in the floor exercise and uneven parallel bars.

And in the boxing ring, Eric Griffin, 22, of the United States continued his comeback from the low point of his career. He was stripped of his chance to compete in the Olympics two years ago for testing positive for marijuana. Griffin beat Alcis Bel of Venezuela.

Since his return to the US amateur boxing scene early last year, Griffin has dominated. He captured the world title and won the world championship challenge over Cuban Rogelio Marcelo earlier this year.

Earnhardt triumphs in Diehard 500

TALLADEGA, Alabama, July 30. (AP) Dale Earnhardt outdueled Bill Elliott over the last 50 laps to win the Diehard 500 at Talladega Superspeedway yesterday and move within one point of the Winston Cup lead.

The battle to the finish was decided by just 0.26 seconds, with Earnhardt's Chevrolet Lumina less than a car length ahead of Elliott's Ford Thunderbird.

Earnhardt's sixth victory of the season, and second on Talladega's 2.66-mile (4.3 kilometre) high-banked oval, gave him 2,308 points in the driver standings, one less than Mark Martin, who finished ninth. Martin came into the race leading by 48 points.

The leaders were racing through the third turn on the final lap when Ken Schrader and Jimmy Spencer, both lapped earlier, crashed in turn two.

Schrader hit the outside wall and Spencer flipped twice before landing on his wheels. Neither driver was injured and Spencer was able to get his battered car across the finish line.

That was only the third incident in the fifth-fastest race in Winston Cup history. Earnhardt, who led a race-record 134 of 188 laps, averaged 174.429 mph (280.66 kph), just shy of Lennie Pond's race record of 174.700 (281.1) in 1978.

"Martin was Earnhardt's strongest challenger most of the day, but he fell from a close stop for fuel 10 laps from the end."

That left the battle to Earnhardt and Elliott, who had been battling nose to tail since lap 148.

Elliott grabbed the lead on lap 151, but Earnhardt regained it on lap 169 and barely

held on to win his fourth Talladega race. He is the only three-time winner of this event.

Earnhardt, who now has 45 career victories, earned \$152,975, including a bonus of \$68,400 from Unocal for winning from the pole position. It was Earnhardt's first pole victory in three years.

In the four races this year — two here and two at Daytona International Speedway — where Nascar requires the use of Carburetor restrictor plates to slow its premier stock cars, Earnhardt led 519 of 736 laps and won three times.

The only one of those three-time Winston Cup champion didn't win was the Daytona 500, in which he shredded a tire while leading two turns from the end and wound up fifth.

Sterling Marlin was third yesterday, followed by Alan Kulwicki and Ricky Rudd.

Games diver feels remorse about fatal car accident

OCALA, Florida, July 30. (AP) Former Olympic diver Bruce Kimball, convicted of manslaughter two years ago for driving his car into a crowd and killing two teenagers, says he feels constant remorse about the accident.

"For a while, I've been wanting to come forward, but it's very difficult to talk about these things. I didn't take it as stride," Kimball told the Tampa Tribune in his first interview since being sentenced to 17 years in prison in January 1989.

"I want people to know that I am sorry for what I've done and I'm trying to change my life."

Kimball has served 14 months of his sentence for the Aug. 1, 1988, accident in Brandon that also injured six. He was legally drunk at the time his sports car rammed into the group. Kimball pleaded guilty and never spoke publicly about his feelings — leading families of the teenagers to believe he didn't care.

In an interview at Marion Correctional Institution, Kimball also said he was a drug abuser at the time.

"Primarily cocaine, marijuana and alcohol is what I used. I was cross-addicted to all those," the 27-year-old Kimball said. "I had quite cocaine cold turkey, but then I switched to alcohol and marijuana. I used it every day, several times a week. My lifestyle allowed me to do it."

The night of the accident, Kimball's blood-alcohol content registered 0.20, twice the level at which state law presumes a person to be intoxicated. Kimball said nine months of therapy in prison have helped him admit he had a drug and alcohol problem.

He also said he has been silent until now on the advice of his lawyers. "By not saying anything, they (the public) thought I wasn't remorseful. But it's a daily struggle to deal with it," Kimball said. "There's not a day that goes by that I don't think about it."

Tore

A silver medalist in the 1984 Olympics, Kimball was training for the 1988 trials when he spent that August day drinking with a friend and his fiancée. As he was driving fellow diver Chuck Wade home, his car tore through the group of teenagers gathered at a dead end street. The car was going at least 70 miles (113 kilometres) per hour.

Kimball declined to talk about the night of the accident. But he admits his decision to compete at the Olympic trials in Indianapolis just two weeks later was seen by many people as terribly selfish.

"I can see where people would have trouble with that," Kimball said. "I'm not going to say it was the right or wrong thing to do. There's nothing to do to change it."

April Bruffy, 30, has undergone 11 operations to repair a leg shattered in the accident. She can now walk without a limp and hopes to resume her career as an aerobics instructor — but she said she'll never understand why Kimball kept silent.

"If I killed an animal, I'd cry. If I did something bad, I'd have to apologize 50 million times. But he's never said anything," Bruffy said.

Her mother, Rita, added: "Those two words, 'I'm sorry,' really would've meant a lot. It was hard to understand him."

Kimball said he was thinking of the victims when he abruptly ended his January 1989 trial by pleading guilty without taking the witness stand.

"I could see the hurt I put them all through, even my family," he said.

Farr-Jones may miss 2nd Test

WELLINGTON, July 30. (Reuters) Young Sydney halfback Andrew Cairns has joined the touring Australian rugby union team in New Zealand after captain Nick Farr-Jones suffered a hamstring injury in Saturday's game against Otago.

Australian team physiotherapist Greg Craig said today that Farr-Jones' type of injury normally took up to two weeks to heal, suggesting he will be fit for Saturday's second Test against the All Blacks. It also puts him in doubt for the

third Test the following Saturday.

Cairns, 22, was included in the team to play North Auckland in Whangarei on Tuesday. This avoids risking injury to Peter Slattery, Farr-Jones' understudy on this tour.

Farr-Jones, regarded as the best halfback in the world, said he had a 50-50 chance of being fit by Saturday. Queensland flyhalf Michael Lynagh is expected to take over as test captain in his absence.

Lewis & Co. fail in world 4 x 100 relay record bid

Foster defeats Nehemiah and Kingdom

NEW YORK, July 30. (Reuters) Carl Lewis took on company in a chase for another world record yesterday, but his team's run at the 4x100 relay record failed at the New York Games Track and Field meet.

The anchor burst of the 100-metre world record holder Lewis was strong enough to pull away from Tony Dees of the Florida Clippers team to provide his Santa Monica team with the victory, but the clocking of 38.18 seconds fell far short of the world best time of 37.83 set by the 1984 US Olympic team and the \$50,000 bonus put up by meet organisers.

"I felt my leg tightened up a little and cramp a little bit at 50 metres but I still thought we had a shot," said Lewis, who was a member of the 1984 world record quartet. "I was a little disappointed I wasn't able to bring it in for the team."

Mark Witherspoon led off the team, with Leroy Burrell second, followed by Floyd Heard.

However, Lewis had run true to form earlier as the meet headliner, as the six-time Olympic gold medalist did not disappoint the Columbia University Wien Stadium crowd of 12,279 by racing back onto the winning track with a 100-metre winning outting of 10:39 seconds.

While Lewis did not have to contend with Burrell on the starting line, he did have to battle a strong 25 mile-per-hour headwind.

After Cuban Andres Simon got out first, Lewis sped into the lead at the halfway mark and



Lewis tightened up a little

easily held off fellow American Mike Marsh.

American Greg Foster gained the lead around the midway hurdle to clip the wire in 13.40 seconds to beat Renaldo Nehemiah and a talent studded

110-metre hurdles field including world record holder Roger Kingdom.

Foster had been ranked among the world's top 10 from 1977-87, but was slowed the last two seasons with a broken arm



Quirot: 35th consecutive win

and a three-month illegal substance suspension earlier this year by his country's federation.

"I have to say I'm surprised," Foster said. "Everyone was ready for this race, at least that's what they said. I'm 32 years old

and I'm staying within myself and running more relaxed and running with less pressure."

Nehemiah, the world's top hurdler from 1978-81, finished in 13:54 while last week's Goodwill Games silver medalist Dess was

third in 13:59.

Last week, in his first effort since being sidelined with a strained hamstring earlier in the month, Kingdom had won the Goodwill Games gold. On this outing he was a distant fourth in 13:60.

"Greg has been consistent over the last five or six years and you know when he's in race," Kingdom said.

No-one has been more consistent at her distances in the last three years than Cuban Ana Quirot. Taking the lead from the start she raced away from the field for her 35th consecutive win with an 800-metre victory of 1:58.24.

Last weekend Quirot scored a Goodwill Games 800 and 400 metres double victory.

"I felt very relaxed and I always wanted to lead the race," Quirot said.

Cuban Roberto Hernandez and American Danny Everett took their season-long 400-metre duel down to the tape with Everett's winning time of 44.57 claiming victory by two-tenths of a second to reverse the outcome of last week's Goodwill Games race.

"It was one of those races where you concentrate on your own race and have confidence in your own race," Everett said. "When you concentrate on another athlete, that's how you lose it."

Oslo Dream Mile winner Joe Faloon fought off the closing surge of defending champion Marcus O'Sullivan of Ireland to win the mile in 3:55.33.



Gavaskar (centre) with his team in 1987.

Gavaskar turns down offer to become MCC life member

LONDON, July 30. (Reuters) Sunil Gavaskar confirmed today he had refused an offer to become a life member of the highly-prestigious Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in protest at the "rudeness" of Lord's gatekeepers.

The 41-year-old former Indian captain complained he had been "insulted and humiliated" on at least two occasions by stewards.

In 1987, Gavaskar was refused re-entry to Lord's after leaving to collect his jacket from the team coach during a match between the Rest of the World and the MCC.

He ran into further trouble last week while working for a national newspaper at the Test between England and India.

Having gone to the ground to hand in an article to a colleague he was detained at the gates for 20 minutes until finally recognised by a passer-by.

Lord's stewards are renowned for their rigid attitudes. One former player

once complained it was easier to score a century in a Test at Lord's than gain access to the ground.

MCC secretary Colonel John Stephenson said Gavaskar had cited "personal reasons" in his letter of refusal.

Col Stephenson said: "I know everyone should know Sunil Gavaskar

but it's hard enough to get stewards anyway and virtually impossible to employ people who can recognise every famous cricketer."

"I suppose this matter may well be raised at a committee meeting but whether we approach Sunil again I don't know."

Gooch, Kapil send records tumbling

England turn the screw on India

LONDON, July 30. (Reuters) Graham Gooch and Kapil Dev kept the records tumbling on a fourth remarkable day in the high scoring first cricket Test between England and India today.

In a moment of high drama, Kapil smashed four explosive sixes off successive balls, the first time it had been done in a Test, to squeeze India past the follow-on total by just one run.

They were all out to the very next ball for 454 — and then it was Gooch's turn to keep the statistics occupied as England raced to 272 for four declared in their second innings.

That set India a massive 472 to win and by the close they had lost two wickets in scoring 57, still needing a further 415 in the final six hours play remaining tomorrow.

Gooch continued in the same magnificent style he showed in his epic in England's first innings, plundering 123 from only 113 balls to become the first player in first class cricket to score a triple century and

a century in the same match. Arthur Fagg of Kent, who scored 244 and 202 not out in an English county championship match against Essex at Colchester in 1938, is the only man to have hit two double hundreds in the same match.

He also eclipsed the previous highest individual aggregate score in a test, achieved by Australian Greg Chappell, who totalled 380 against New Zealand in Wellington in 1973-74.

India began the day on 376 for six in reply to England's first innings 653 for four declared, still needing 78 to avoid being the follow-on. Their hopes dimmed when they lost captain Mohammad Azharuddin for 121 adding only four to his overnight total.

When paceman Angus Fraser dismissed Kiran More and Sanjeev Sharma in quick succession India still required 24 more runs with only one wicket standing.

That was when Kapil took command and changed the whole complexion of the match in four

exhilarating shots.

The previous record of three was shared by England's Wally Hammond against New Zealand at Auckland in 1932-33 and West Indian Sylvester Clarke against Pakistan at Faisalabad in 1980-81.

After playing the first two balls from off-spinner Eddie Hemmings defensively, he blasted the next four straight back over the bowler's head for sixes.

Apart from being the most sixes in succession in a Test, it also equalled the highest number of runs scored off a single over in a Test.

Andy Roberts of the West Indies and Sandeep Patil of India both thrashed 24 runs off England bowlers Ian Botham and Bob Willis respectively in 1980-81 and 1982.

The importance of his brave attack was shown by the very next ball when Fraser trapped last man Narendra Hirwani leg before to end the innings.

Kapil was left unbeaten on 77, made from 75 deliveries and containing eight fours as well as the four

sixes.

Fraser, showing superb control throughout the innings on an unresponsive pitch, took three of the four wickets to fall in the morning session and finished with figures of five for 104.

Gooch showed his intention of going for quick runs immediately England began their second innings, racing to his half century from 60 balls. When he finally fell, lofting the ball into the covers, the England captain had hit four sixes and 13 fours.

He and Mike Atherton had put on 204 for the opening wicket at a rate of more than five runs an over. Atherton was dismissed three runs later for 72.

Faced with a daunting task in their second innings, India began disastrously, losing Navtej Sidhu for one, caught at short leg by John Morris off Fraser with only nine on the board.

Opening partner Ravi Shastri, century-maker in the first innings, fell 14 runs later, superbly caught

down the leg side by wicketkeeper Jack Russell off fast bowler Devon Malcolm.

Sanjay Manjrekar and Dilip Vengsarkar prevented any further disasters but a long final day loomed for the visitors in their attempt to avoid defeat.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings 653 for four declared (G. Gooch 333, A. Lamb 139, R. Smith 100 not out).

INDIA first innings (overnight 376 for six)

R. Shastri c Gooch b Hemmings 100
N. Sidhu c Morris b Fraser 30
S. Manjrekar c Russell b Gooch 18
D. Vengsarkar c Russell b Fraser 52
M. Azharuddin b Hemmings 121
S. Tendulkar b Lewis 10
M. Prabhakar c Lewis b Malcolm 25
Kapil Dev not out 77
K. More c Morris b Fraser 8
S. Sharma c Russell b Fraser 0
N. Hirwani lbw b Fraser 0
Extras (lb-1 w-4 nb-8) 13
Total 376

Fall of wickets: 1-63 2-102 3-191 4-241 5-288 6-348 7-393 8-430 9-430.

Bowling: Malcolm 25-1-106-1, Fraser 39-1-9-104-5, Lewis 24-3-108-1, Gooch 6-3-28-1, Hemmings 20-3-109-2.

ENGLAND second innings

G. Gooch c Azharuddin 123
b Sharma 72
M. Atherton c Vengsarkar 32
D. Gower not out 32
A. Lamb c Tendulkar b Hirwani 19
R. Smith b Prabhakar 15
Extras (lb-11) 11
Total (for four wickets) 272

Fall of wickets: 1-204 2-207 3-250 4-272.

Bowling: Kapil Dev 10-0-53-0, Prabhakar 11-2-24-1, Shastri 7-0-38-0, Sharma 15-0-75-2, Hirwani 11-0-50-1.

INDIA second innings

R. Shastri c Russell b Malcolm 12
N. Sidhu c Morris b Fraser 30
S. Manjrekar not out 29
D. Vengsarkar not out 14
Extras (nb-1) 1
Total (for two wickets) 57
Fall of wickets: 1-9 2-23.

Bowling to date: Fraser 7-2-11-1, Malcolm 5-0-27-1, Hemmings 2-0-8-0, Atherton 1-0-11-0.



Neil Fairbrother



Peter Bowler

Derbyshire stay top of League

LONDON, July 30. (Reuters) Peter Bowler helped keep Derbyshire at the top of the English Sunday Cricket League with an unbeaten half century in a six-wicket win over Glamorgan.

Glamorgan were restricted to a meagre total of 154 for six off 34 overs, giving Bowler the chance to steer his county four points clear in the standings.

Lancashire moved joint second with a six-wicket victory over Somerset. Graeme Fowler scored 60, Graham Lloyd 57 and England reject Neil Fairbrother 47 to take Lancashire past Somerset's 203 for seven.

Lloyd and Fairbrother slammed 68 runs in nine overs to lay the foundations as Lancashire, already winners of one one-day competition and second in the championship, joined Middlesex, who did not play.

Ian Botham produced a fine all-round performance to help Worcestershire to a five-wicket triumph over Kent.

He took three for 54 as Kent made 184 for eight and then hit a quick 45.

Paul Terry, scorer of an unfinished century in a county match against Warwickshire on Saturday, hit a half century against the same opponents to lead Hampshire to a three-wicket victory.

Nottinghamshire moved joint fourth with Hampshire after a narrow five-run win over North-

amptonshire.

Results

At Cheltenham: Gloucestershire beat Surrey by five wickets. Surrey 192 for nine (D. Ward 51, M. Fetham 47, S. Barnes three for 39). Gloucestershire 196 for five in 39.5 overs (W. Aisley 113, K. Medcort three for 47). Gloucestershire four points.

At Sheffield: Yorkshire beat Leicestershire by eight wickets. Leicestershire 207 for six (T. Boon 88). Yorkshire 208 for two in 35.5 overs (M. Moxon 73, A. Metcalfe 71). Yorkshire four points.

At Canterbury: Worcestershire beat Kent by five wickets. Kent 184 for eight (S. Hinks 51, T. Ward 45, R. Illingworth three for 19, I. Botham three for 54). Worcestershire 187 for five in 38 overs (I. Botham 45). Worcestershire four points.

At Old Trafford: Lancashire beat Somerset by six wickets. Somerset 203 for seven (R. Bartlett 55, J. Cook 1, Aisley three for 34). Lancashire 207 for four in 37.4 overs (G. Fowler 60, G. Lloyd 57, N. Fairbrother 47). Lancashire four points.

At Edgbaston: Hampshire beat Warwickshire by three wickets. Warwickshire 179 for six (S. Hinks 51, T. Ward 45, R. Illingworth three for 19, I. Botham three for 54). Hampshire 187 for five in 38 overs (I. Botham 45). Hampshire four points.

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire beat Northamptonshire by five runs. Nottinghamshire 202 for five (S. Hinks 51, T. Ward 45, R. Illingworth three for 19, I. Botham three for 54). Northamptonshire 197 for seven (S. Hinks 51, T. Ward 45, R. Illingworth three for 19, I. Botham three for 54). Nottinghamshire four points.

At Swansea: Derbyshire beat Glamorgan by six wickets. Glamorgan 154 for six (S. Hinks 51, T. Ward 45, R. Illingworth three for 19, I. Botham three for 54). Derbyshire 156 for four in 32.4 overs (P. Bowler 52 not out). Glamorgan four points.

At Taunton: Gloucestershire beat Somerset by six wickets. Somerset 203 for seven (R. Bartlett 55, J. Cook 1, Aisley three for 34). Gloucestershire 207 for four in 37.4 overs (G. Fowler 60, G. Lloyd 57, N. Fairbrother 47). Gloucestershire four points.



Kapil: hit four straight sixes



Gooch broke a number of records

Horse plague risk small: veterinarians

STOCKHOLM, July 30. (Reuters) African equine plague, which has killed hundreds of horses in Spain, should not jeopardise the Olympic equestrian events in Barcelona in 1992, top veterinarians said today.

"You always have to accept a certain risk but in my opinion it is very small," said Professor Ulrich Kihm from the international office of a disease detection group.

The plague, which is spread by mosquitoes, struck three times in Spain in the late 1980s, but no cases have been reported since the end of 1989.

Peter Kronau, chairman of the veterinary committee of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI), told a press conference at the world equestrian games: "Regulations will be very tight."

There would be restrictions on the movement of horses and, at the stables, special paint and mosquito-proof windows.

He said the risk of a horse becoming infected in Barcelona was very small. No cases had ever been reported closer than 400 kms from the city.

The FEI has said it will recommend by the end of the summer whether the equestrian events can be held in Barcelona. Several countries have offered alternative venues.

Karpov draws

BIENNE, Switzerland, July 30. (AP) Anatoly Karpov maintained a 1.5-point lead in the Bienne grandmasters tournament, settling on a draw with veteran Vladimir Horvath of West Germany after only 19 moves last night.

Anthony Miles, who has switched back to playing under the British flag, and Nick de Firmian of the United States also shared a point after 61 moves.

Lev Polugaevsky of the Soviet Union and Ulf Andersson of Sweden also drew.

W. Germans tackle cruelty allegations

STOCKHOLM, July 30. (Reuters) West German show jumpers and officials said today they would do everything they could to prevent abuse of horses following allegations against former champion Paul Schockemoehle.

They issued statements at the World Equestrian Games following charges of cruelty to animals levelled against West German Schockemoehle by an animal protection group.

Schockemoehle was shown on a video hitting horses' legs with wooden bars to make them jump higher, a practice known as rapping. He has since said he will quit as a

trainer and close his stables.

His pupil Franke Sloothak, an Olympic gold medalist, pulled out of the Games out of solidarity with Schockemoehle, who has denied the charges.

Rapping is not banned in training outside competition but Count Dieter Landsberg Velen, West German vice-president of the International Equestrian Federation, said it would soon be outlawed in his country.

West German showjumpers said in their statement: "We know the accusations and commit ourselves to taking action on them."

"We will do everything in our power to assure that animal abusive methods will not be used in German or international hor-

semanship. We are horsemen because we love horses."

Asked whether any team member had abused horses to make them perform better, top West German rider Otto Becker replied: "There is an investigation. I am in a difficult situation. We are not allowed to answer."

The West German federation's statement echoed the views of the riders and added: "In the future we will not tolerate abuse in horsemanship."

Organisers fear there will be demonstrations when the West Germans enter the arena for the show jumping, which begins tomorrow.

Nannini signals strong challenge from Benetton

HOCKENHEIM, West Germany, July 30. (Reuters) Alessandro Nannini's excellent second place for Benetton in yesterday's West German Grand Prix signals the arrival of a serious new challenge to the established Formula One powers of McLaren and Ferrari.

Nannini led for much of the race but, with his tyres wearing, was finally unable to resist Ayrton Senna's McLaren.

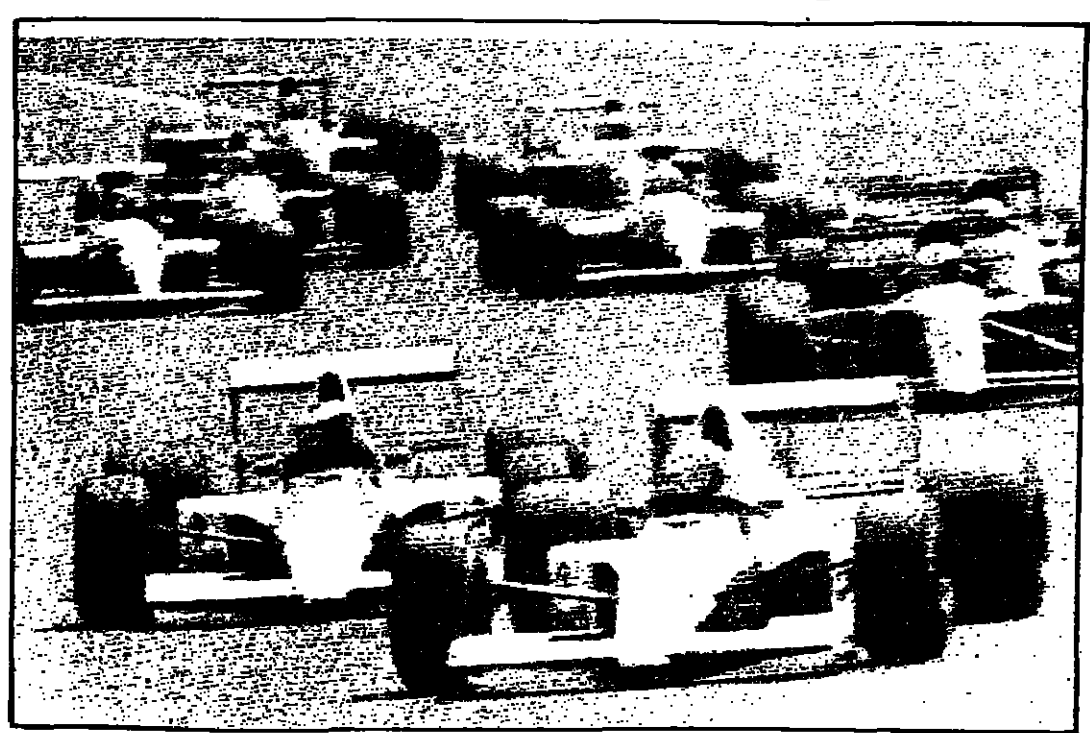
The Italian still finished ahead of Senna's team mate Austrian Gerhard Berger.

Controversial It was Nannini's best result since winning last year's controversial Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka, where Senna was disqualified.

"This is just what Sandro needed after his accident in qualifying on Friday and I am sure it will have given him all his confidence back," said Benetton team manager Gordon Messing.

Alessandro Benetton, son of team owner Luciano Benetton, commented: "It was a solid and well-controlled result for the team. Nelson Piquet had bad luck today and he might have finished in the points too." Piquet retired mid-race with a smoking engine.

Benetton added: "We have kept moving forward and the



Senna leading the pack during Sunday's race.

next step is to win a couple of races now. This result shows we are in a position to do it."

Benetton's progress appears due to three significant factors—the recruiting of designer John Barnard who has helped produce

race-winning cars for McLaren and Ferrari; the resurgence of three-time champion Piquet in his first year with the team; and the introduction of Ford's latest Cosworth-engineered series-four

The engine has had the most notable effect on the team's performances in the last two Grands Prix and Benetton are now genuine contenders to win races.

Their success has lifted them to third in the constructors' cham-

pionship with 31 points behind McLaren, who have 77, and Ferrari on 57.

With reasonable luck they should close the gap significantly during the last seven races of the season.

McLaren, however, look almost certain to run off with the constructors' title again as Ferrari—with Briton Nigel Mansell again dogged by misfortune—seem unable consistently to supply two cars which finish a race together.

Frenchman Alain Prost, the defending world champion, drove to a relatively comfortable fourth place but Mansell was forced to retire for the third successive race when he collected some debris and damaged his car.

Mansell, who plans to retire at the end of the season, accepted his fate. "That's motor racing, isn't it?" he said with a shrug.

McLaren, who will go testing at Monza later this week in a bid to improve the balance of their troublesome chassis, came out of the race with their confidence repaired after three successive beatings by Prost.

Senna's win was his third in successive years at Hockenheim and recharged his own title challenge by lifting him ahead of Prost to the top of the race for the drivers' title again.



Ian Botham



Paul Terry

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lucky Cricket Trophy: Entries are now open for teams wishing to participate in the Lucky Cricket Trophy, 1990-91 season, scheduled for September, 1990 at the Lucky Star ground (opp. Nadi Al Nasr), off 6th Ring Road. For details contact 17448 on 3381402 between 10.00 and 12.00 noon or Abid on 4762836 between 8.00 - 9.00 pm. Last date for entries is August 17.

Hungarian golf: The Hungarian Golf Federation plans to put an end to nearly 30 years of tournament restriction late August when it hosts the first international club tournament near Budapest. Golf was thought to be the sport of aristocrats by the former communist regime in Hungary but as the game slowly emerges from banishment, it's likely to become a major force in the Hungarian sport scene.

Belgrade players: Welsh soccer referee Howard King is to report two Red Star Belgrade players to UEFA after sending them off in a pre-season exhibition match against Minor League Welsh club Merthyr Tydfil Saturday. King, one of only five FIFA-listed referees in Wales, dismissed the players Ilija Najdoski and Dargisha Binic in the second half of the 1-1 draw at Merthyr for persistent fouling. They later threw water on the referee.

Popescu to join PSV

AMSTERDAM, July 30. (Reuters) Romanian sweeper Gheorghe Popescu will definitely play in the Netherlands this season despite a tussle for the World Cup star between PSV Eindhoven and Italian club Lecce.

PSV general manager Kees Ploegsma said he had received a telephone call from the Romanian Soccer Union giving the go-ahead for the transfer to PSV. "I expect that he will turn up on Wednesday," he added.

Last week Lecce threatened to protest to UEFA after claiming to have secured the 22-year-old before he signed for four years with the Dutch Cup winners on July 23.

But Ploegsma said Popescu's contract with Lecce had been only preliminary, requiring the agreement of his home team Universitat Craiova.

"The teams told me they did not come to an agreement and that the whole case would not continue," said Ploegsma.

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